



Slough Music Service

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To: Schools, Young Musicians, Parents, and Peripatetic Tutors

RE: Open Invite end-of-year Orchestra Session

Dear musicians, tutors, schools / music leads, and parents / carers,

The Slough Youth Orchestra Weekly group will be running an **Open Invite** session on:

Wednesday 8th July 2026

From:

4:00 – 5:15pm

At:

St. Bernard's Catholic Grammar School

1 Langley Road

SL3 7AF

This is an opportunity for both current attendees and interested young musicians to come and try out some new music, in a setting with other musicians on orchestral instruments, from multiple schools, year groups and abilities.

The Slough Youth Orchestra is a group of young musicians made up of the SYO Weekly group, and Langley Grammar School's orchestra. Both ensembles rehearse separately in term-time once per week, and come together for collective rehearsals in the lead-up to projects and concerts. They perform music from theatre, to pop, rock, jazz, world, classical and more!

Recent performances/projects include:

Reading Hexagon Theatre (1000 seat venue)

Royal Holloway University of London Orchestra visit (side-by-side)

February Fantastique Concerts

Windsor Parish Church (An Evening of Orchestra and Soloists)

Slough Youth Awards

The **8th July** session is open to:

- Young Musicians on **Brass, Woodwind, Strings, Drums/Percussion** instruments, **able to read music on their instrument to approx. Grade 3 level** and above.

We are encouraging new students to join, who may not be sure if orchestra is for them yet, to meet the current group of players from multiple Slough schools and try out some music in a friendly, welcoming environment.

Either in advance or on arrival, for any students wishing to join, please report to reception for sign-in **from 3:45pm**, where the following details are to be given to Ashton Smith:



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Name:

Instrument:

School/Year Group:

Medical or additional needs: *these must be communicated in advance via email to ashton.smith@slough.gov.uk*

Parent emergency telephone number:

Please ensure students bring their instrument with them.

We look forward to welcoming you to the orchestra!

With best wishes,

Rebecca Richardson

Head of Slough Music Service

Ashton Smith

Projects & Curriculum Coordinator