



**Calderdale
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Newsletter

At A Glance: Opportunities For Young People

We are delighted to share some FREE upcoming opportunities for young musicians to get involved in! Read on to find out more.

Valley Strings Workshop

Thursday 5th March, Riverside Junior School



Workshop with Members of Halifax Concert Band

Saturday 14th March, Calderdale Music



Rehearse & Perform with the Band of the Royal Yorkshire Regiment

– Sunday 15th March, Brighouse High School



Perform with the English Chamber Orchestra

Monday 22nd June, Victoria Theatre Halifax



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Valley Strings Workshop

Thursday 5th March 2026

Riverside Junior School

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Try new music with other young musicians, and play in a short group performance for parents too!

Open to **young violin, viola, and cello players** in Calderdale who can bow open strings and read basic rhythms (crochets, quavers and minims) though all levels beyond this are welcome too!

Instrument loan available if needed – contact us for further info.

A fun, relaxed way to build confidence and experience string group playing!

Workshop With Members Of Halifax Concert Band

Saturday 14th March 2026

The Old Courthouse

11:45am – 1:00pm

A small group of musicians from the Halifax Concert Band will join our Saturday Winds students for a rehearsal, giving young players a chance to work alongside experienced ensemble members. New students are welcome to join us too!



Suitable for students aged 11–18 who play a woodwind or brass instrument and are working at grades 1–5. Students will rehearse music provided by the band, receive guidance from visiting musicians and give a short performance for parents at the end. A great opportunity to develop ensemble skills in a supportive environment!

Register for our events and opportunities by visiting

www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/events



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Workshop With The Band Of The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

Sunday 15th March 2026
Brighouse High School
12:30pm – 4:30pm

We're delighted that we are once again working with The Band Of The Royal Yorkshire Regiment!

The band are providing a free workshop at Brighouse High school for pupils age 18 and under who are grade 4+ standard on woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.



The workshop is open to students from all West Yorkshire Music Hubs – Calderdale, Musica Kirklees, Wakefield, ArtForms (Leeds) and Bradford. Students will rehearse with the band, perform for parents and gain insights in to life as a military musician.

Full details and timings are provided on our website.

Perform With The English Chamber Orchestra



Monday 22nd June 2026
Victoria Theatre, Halifax
Evening – times TBC

Young musicians and singers (age 11–18) from Calderdale have the chance to **rehearse and perform side-by-side** with the world-renowned English Chamber Orchestra!

This promises to be an unforgettable, inspirational event, and we would love to see Calderdale students on stage with the English Chamber Orchestra.

Students will receive their music in advance, and rehearsals will take place before the performance and on the day. We are also hoping to include a **choral element**, so vocalists are warmly encouraged too.

This opportunity is open to all instrumentalists and singers age 11 – 18 years, who are grade 5+ standard on their instrument/voice. **Please note:** you must live or study in Calderdale to be eligible for this opportunity. **Apply by 6th March.**

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Exam Skills For Grades 5 & 6

Brand new sessions coming soon!

Wednesday 25th February & Wednesday 4th March
6:15pm – 6:45pm
The Old Courthouse, Halifax

We are hosting two exam skills sessions for people working towards grades 5 or 6 on their instrument.

Music exams are not just about being able to play your instrument. They include tests to assess your musical listening skills and perception, covering pitch, pulse, rhythm, melody, harmony and other musical features. This short course will teach you the skills needed to feel confident with the aural skills section of your music exam. This not only helps you pass your exam but builds your skills as a musician.

Register online: www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/music-groups

Network Meetings For School Music Leads



**5th March (Primary)
12th March (Secondary)**

Our Network Meetings are opportunities for music subject leads to meet and find support. Through sharing ideas and resources, we will support you, your school and your young people. These meetings are free to attend.

School music leads should have received further details by email. If you have not received an invitation, please get in touch at admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk

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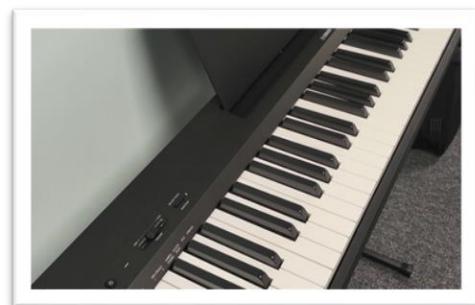
Lessons Slots Available At The Old Courthouse

We have availability to take on new students at The Old Courthouse! Register for lessons via our website www.calderdalemusic.co.uk

Mondays 5:10pm – 5:30pm, drums (age 7+)
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Wednesdays 4:10pm – 4:30pm, violin (age 5+)
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Thursdays 5:20pm – 5:50pm, piano (age 5+)

Good News!

- We're happy to share that we have youth volunteers supporting seven of our Saturday morning ensemble sessions! Giving young people an insight in to music teaching as a career, and inspiring them to take their own musical journey to the next level is very rewarding. A huge thank you to our brilliant teen volunteers!
- We've had a new set of keyboards delivered, and we can't wait to send them out to schools. These instruments will help us enhance the piano lesson experience for children and young people, supporting their creativity and confidence



Dates For Your Diaries

Thursday 12th February – Calderdale Music staff INSET 9am – 3pm (no lessons in schools, lessons at centres still taking place)

Thursday 5th March – Primary School Network Meeting

Thursday 5th March – workshop with Valley Strings

Thursday 12th March – Secondary School Network Meeting

Saturday 14th March – Workshop with Halifax Concert Band

Sunday 15th March – Band Of The Royal Yorkshire Regiment workshop

Mon 16th & Tues 17th March – school visits from Emma Johnson Foundation

Wednesday 29th April – Rotary Club of Halifax School Choir Competition

Monday 22nd June – Performance with the English Chamber Orchestra



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Get In Touch



Rhythm & Brews

Pop in any time and treat yourself to a hot drink from our Rijo coffee machine. Try a latte, mocha, hot chocolate and more!

Open Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 7pm
Friday 8:30am – 3pm
Saturday 9am – 1pm



Room Hire

Our space is available to hire.

From small meeting rooms to our stunning Performance Space, there's a room suitable for any occasion.

Catering options available.

roomhire@calderdalemusic.co.uk



Music Lessons

We offer music lessons in school, at The Old Courthouse in Halifax and at our music centre in Hebden Bridge.

Register online or contact us for more information
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