

Crediton Youth Orchestra
Information for Parents/Carers

Welcome to Crediton Youth Orchestra!

CYO is a not-for-profit organisation with the aims of stimulating children's interest in orchestral music and providing them with opportunities to enjoy playing a wide range of musical repertoire and to perform in public.

Our Director of Music is Alison Golby.

Membership

Membership is open to children aged between 8 and 18, who are learning to play a musical instrument and able to read music. In time, there will be opportunities for more experienced players to take part in smaller ensembles/chamber music and to take on music leadership roles, working towards Arts Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards, if they wish.

Parents/carers will be invited to participate in occasional supervision duties and to help when it comes to putting on a concert.

Subscriptions

A subscription fee will be due for payment at the beginning of each term. The first term's fees are £33.

Payments can be paid by BACS transfer or Standing Order

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If you would have difficulty with these fees, please do discuss this in confidence with the Treasurer .

Rehearsals

- The orchestra rehearses at QE Music Department, Western Rd Campus, St. Martin's Lane, EX17 3LU
- We rehearse on Wednesdays after school during term time (10 session per term)
- You are welcome to park in St Martin's Lane
- The orchestra rehearses from 4.15 – 5.15pm. Please make sure your child arrives with enough time to set up and warm up and with their music

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Your Committee

Andrew Vaccari	Chairperson	info@vaccari.co.uk
Lucy Welsman	Secretary	L.Welsman@qedevon.sch.uk
Sarah Preece	Treasurer	sarahhprece@gmail.com
Alison Golby	Musical Director	alisongolby@hotmail.com

Attendance at Rehearsals/Concerts

- Please notify the Director of Music by email if unable to attend a rehearsal: alisongolby@hotmail.com. Alternatively, you can write this in her book during any rehearsal
- Please check your child's folder each week for any information that they may have been given but email will usually be the communication method of choice!
- Please let us know if any contact details change
- There is an expectation that children will play in concerts and we hope that this will become a regular feature of our work: please check the calendar at the beginning of each year and reserve the dates

Sheet Music

- Each player will be given a folder to hold sheet music: they must look after this
- All sheet music remains the property of the orchestra and must be returned when requested and if your child leaves the orchestra the music should be returned

Instrument Insurance

- Playing members are responsible for the insurance of their own instruments while playing with the orchestra and the orchestra is not liable for any damage caused

Fund Raising

- The orchestra is a non-profit making organisation with a constant need for fund raising
- Support from parents/carers with the running of events is very welcome, as are ideas or offers for new fund-raising initiatives

Committee

A committee is responsible for the administration and organisation of the orchestra on a purely voluntary basis. The committee is elected annually. The committee members are:

Lucy Welsman	Secretary	L.Welsman@qedevon.sch.uk
Sarah Preece	Treasurer	sarahhprece@gmail.com
Andrew Vaccari	Chairperson	info@vaccari.co.uk
Alison Golby	Musical Director	alisongolby@hotmail.com

Safeguarding

The designated Safeguarding Officer is Alison Golby. Please contact her if you have any concerns.

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy is included in this pack.

Complaints

Should you have any complaint or concern about the orchestra, please raise this with a member of the committee.

Fire Drill

Code of Conduct

All members of the Orchestra are expected to:

- Behave in a responsible manner
- Treat all other members, their property and all other orchestra equipment with due care and respect
- Be ready at the start of each rehearsal (4.15pm)
- Tick the register at the start of each rehearsal
- Bring music and a pencil to each rehearsal and concert
- Notify the Director of Music if you are unable to attend a rehearsal or perform in a concert. Email creditonyouthorchestra@gmail.com or write in the book at rehearsals
- HAVE FUN AND PLAY MUSIC!!!!