

Torbay Academy Music Ensembles



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Torbay Academy of Performing Arts (TAPA)

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Thank you for your interest in joining one of the Torbay Youth Ensembles. Please return your completed application to the TAPA office as soon as possible. Once we receive it we will decide on whether we need to arrange an audition for you and a potential start date for your membership. Auditions are a very friendly process and designed simply to introduce you to us and vice-versa. You will simply play a piece that you are currently studying plus some scales/aural and then a short interview with our Musical Director. Below are some simple rules and conditions of membership which you should read carefully to ensure you can agree to.

Conditions of Membership

The Torbay Academy Music Ensembles exist to bridge any gaps between the provision of ensemble playing at the local school/ music school and the advanced County and national Youth Orchestras or Theatrical groups which a young musician or performer might aspire to. Membership does not imply automatic transference to any other ensemble nor priority over schools activities.

Applications can be from any students in the Torbay, or Devon areas and should be a minimum standard relevant to the group they are applying for.

Membership of an ensemble signifies a commitment to attend the published dates and events, and every effort must be made to uphold these. Every attempt must be made to notify the Musical Director of any absences in order to minimise any disruption to the rehearsal or concert schedule.

Membership implies a commitment to the ethos of the ensemble, to its members and to fellow musicians and nothing should be said or done which might harm this ethos or the relationships contained within the group.

A Membership subscription will be charged per complete school term, to help cover the costs of running the ensemble. This also includes the purchase of orchestra uniform for concerts. These subscriptions will be announced at an annual meeting of parents/helpers. There are bursaries and scholarships available in order that membership is not disadvantaged by personal circumstances, financial or otherwise.

Membership automatically implies that you and your parents/ carers will take full responsibility for any music, instruments or other items the ensemble might make available to you including replacement and repair of any loss or damage howsoever caused.

A signature overleaf implies on behalf of both students and parents/carers full acceptance of these terms and conditions.

The Symphonic Wind and jazz Orchestras meet monthly and accept advanced students who have a good grasp of their instrument and can cope with the repertoire. As a guide players should be ideally approximately grade 3-4 plus. Knowledge of improvisation IS NOT a prerequisite of the jazz orchestra.

The Symphony Orchestra will meet for short courses at half terms and/or the occasional Friday nights and weekends (the latter will be infrequently) however, we still require players to register in order to know we have enough players to go ahead with rehearsals.

The Percussion Academy meet weekly on pre booked dates (there are some gaps so please check the diary). The senior percussion ensemble are for senior players who can read music whilst the junior ensemble will introduce the concept of percussion to already established drummers. There is also a beginners class who explore the whole world of drumming.

Torbay Youth Theatre Group and The Torbay Youth Vocal Group are performing arts singing and dancing groups. TVTG are a vocal dance group specialising in modern street dance and performance songs and routines whilst TYTG take this a step further to produce full stage musicals at local theatres.

In addition to all this we can arrange for specialist instrumental lessons for instruments which are particularly rare and cannot be taught in school for some reason e.g TUBA, Double Bass, Bassoon, French Horn, Viola, Tuned Percussion and so on. If you would like to advance your studies on a rare instrument do contact us to discuss the possibilities.

TAPA Staff

Ensembles Director: Colin Waller
 Other ensemble Musical Directors:
 Colin Belworthy (Perc), Adam Waller (Perc),
 Graeme Hardman (Wind),
 Neil Maya (Jazz), Joanna Waller (TV&TYTG),
 Maggie Campbell (TYTG)

I wish to apply for the following membership:
 (Please tick appropriate box)

- Torbay Youth Symphonic Wind Orchestra
- Torbay Youth and Community Symphony Orchestra
- Torbay Youth Jazz Orchestra
- Senior percussion ensemble
- Junior percussion ensemble
- Torbay Youth Theatre Group
- Torbay Youth Vocal Group

Full name

Instrument

Approx grade

Second instrument

Approx grade

Home address.....

Town.....

Postcode

School.....

Year Age.....

Home phone.....

Emergency contact no. (eg parent's mobile/
 work no.)

Student mobile.....

Student email

Student CV

(i.e. Musical history and background including any courses attended)

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Student signature.....

Parent's name.....

Signature

Date.....