

MILTON KEYNES MUSIC FESTIVAL 2020 – IMPORTANT DETAILS

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS LETTER IS FORWARDED TO
ALL PERFORMERS / PARENTS / CARERS FOR INFORMATION



Please read this letter carefully as it contains all the information for your performance(s) at the Milton Keynes Music Festival
**to be held on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March 2020 at
Walton High, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes MK7 7WH**

Along with this letter you should also have received confirmation of the day(s) and time(s) of your performance(s) – these times cannot be changed.

About Our Festival: The first Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts was held in Bletchley in 1968, all organised by a team of unpaid, dedicated volunteers, on a self-funding basis. The accent of Milton Keynes Festival is to value every performance and make it a special, meaningful but nonetheless enjoyable and constructive event for those taking part, rather than an accent on “winning”.

The Committee hopes that you have a rewarding and enjoyable festival. The following check list may help you:

- If you are performing in The Venue / Sixth Form Block or Piano Room 3 please check in at theatre foyer. Otherwise go straight to your performance room and check in there.

At check in you can buy a programme if you want one and pay to enter if you are a visitor. **Please note that we only take cash.**

- Check your timetable letter as rooms might be different from last year.
- Please allow time on the day to find the venue, park up and check in.

Important: Be sure to bring with you a copy of your sheet music for the adjudicator, and make sure your own choice piece is within the time limit given in the syllabus. We have no copying facilities at the venue.

Don't worry if some of your classes show the same time – this is not an error, it means that they run straight after each other along with other classes with all the adjudicator's comments at the end.

Watching Festival Performances: All entrants are welcome to watch any part of the Festival free of charge and we warmly welcome and encourage friends, family and members of the public to come and sit in and watch any of the performances, for which we make a small charge to assist towards our venue and running costs as follows:

Single Session (morning / afternoon / evening)	Adults £3 / Senior Citizens £ 2
Full Day	Adults £5 / Senior Citizens £3

All students in full time education are free to enter (inc mature students)

Festival Programme: There is a specially printed programme showing all the performances in detail and this can be purchased at the festival reception desk.

Car parking and Catering: There is free parking at Walton High, but do allow time to get there and park up. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available for purchase in the theatre foyer. There is also a public house and a Tesco Express within walking distance, where the nearest ATM is also situated.

Feedback and Certificates: All performers receive a written feedback sheet and a certificate which they bring away with them on the day, plus there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners' medals awarded as appropriate, plus additional trophies in some classes.

Child Protection Policy: A copy of the Child Protection Policy drawn up by this Festival for the protection of all vulnerable adults and children under the age of 18 is shown on our website and in the syllabus.

Photography and Video: Photography or video using mobile phones or cameras is not allowed during any of the performances for copyright and child protection reasons.

Practice Pianos We are sponsored by Kawai Pianos UK and there will be lots of pianos around for performers' and rehearsal use.

We look forward to seeing you at the festival. Best wishes

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