

Sent on behalf of Mr Kingham and Mrs Sixsmith, Musica Shelley:



Musica Shelley Autumn Update 2026

Welcome from Mr Kingham, Area Manager at Musica Shelley

Welcome to the new term. I hope you had a good summer and are all ready for an action-packed year of music making. This term, we welcome some new teaching staff to our centre: Mr Dylan Eldershaw (strings) and Mr James Atkins (Big Band, Adult Band and First Blow).

At the bottom of this email you'll find a list of important Dates for Your Diary for the Autumn Term and beyond as we look forward to another year full of music.

Best wishes

Mr Kingham

REMINDER - access at Musica Shelley and signing in

The magnetic door locks will be applied on the main doors and below are the times when access will be available. There may be staff around to release the door to let you in, but please try to ensure you come into the building within the times the doors are open to minimise disruption. There is a release button to exit, but no way to enter without being let in. A reminder too, please could all non-playing adults and children sign in and out, in the book by the noticeboard. We need to know who is in the building at all times for safety reasons.

The door to the caretaker's office/music corridor will remain locked to enter for the duration of the morning from 9am. If you exit via that door, please ensure it fully closes after you.

Main doors (by hall/coffee bar) will be open until 9.05am, then:

*** Closed from 9.05 - 9.55 / Re-open 9.55 - 10.15am**

*** Closed from 10.15 - 10.30 / Re-open 10.30 - 11.00am**

*** Closed from 11.00 - 11.15 / Re-open 11.15 - 11.30am**

*** Closed from 11.30am - 12.00pm / Re-open 12.00pm until the end for packing away**

Coffee Bar and Tuck Shop

Please could you sign up at the coffee bar if you are able to help with either the coffee bar or tuck shop. The coffee bar and tuck shop raise funds for our centre and are appreciated by many pupils and parents/carers who enjoy the drinks and treats on a Saturday. Without people to help we will not be able to run them so thank you in advance.

Buckden House

We had a fantastic weekend at the start of term on our trip to Buckden House with Junior Wind Band. We will be running the residential trip again next year for Junior Wind Band and hopefully Training Strings. More information to follow in January.

Friends of Musica Shelley

This year's AGM is on Saturday, October 17 at 9.15am. Please come along and see how you can help: the Friends play a huge role at our centre in lots of ways; our coffee bar and tuck shop volunteers do a wonderful job and we'd be grateful for any new helpers, or if you have a different skill set or would prefer to help in other ways we'd love to hear from you too.

Student Voice

There will be a meeting of the Student Voice on Saturday, November 7, at 9.45am in the coffee bar area. New reps will be elected by each group on either Saturday, October 10 or 17, so if you are interested in being part of the Student Voice, please let your conductor know. Student reps will also be involved in the Open Morning on Saturday, November 14 (see below).

Open Morning

We will be having an Open Morning on Saturday, November 14, to enable any potential new players and singers to come and have a look around and join in if they wish. Student Voice members will be giving a short tour of our centre at 9.30 and 10.30am.

Uniform Exchange

Ideally everyone should wear a Musica Shelley polo shirt at the Christmas Concert and at most of our big events. We now have a good selection of second-hand Musica Shelley polo shirts, so if you need a bigger polo shirt and have one that you have grown out of, you can bring it back and swap it for a second-hand one at no charge (subject to sizes being available), or if you are buying a polo shirt for the first time you can, if you wish, purchase a second hand one for £5. Brand new ones cost £11 for children's sizes and £13 for adult sizes. Please see Mrs Sixsmith for uniform orders.

Second-hand Music

We have a large selection of second-hand music for sale by the coffee bar. If your teacher asks you to buy new music or you fancy playing something different, please come and have a look first as we may have it; you'll be helping to raise funds for our centre – and it'll be much cheaper than buying a new copy!

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will be at Dewsbury Town Hall on Monday, December 14, at 7pm. This will involve **all Musica Shelley groups apart from Percussion Skills, Ready Steady Bow and First Blow Band**, who will give a short (free) concert to parents on Saturday, December 12 at 11.45am instead. Further information will follow in due course. Tickets for Dewsbury Town Hall will go on sale from November 7 at the coffee bar.

Dates For Your Diary

Autumn 2026

Thursday, October 15	Arrive for 5.30pm Youth Choir at Holmfirth Music Festival, Holmfirth Civic Hall
Saturday, October 17	9.15am Friends of Musica Shelley - AGM

	Arrive for 6.30pm Adult Choir - Holmfirth Music Festival, meet at Holmfirth Methodist Church followed by performance at Holmfirth Civic Hall
Saturdays, October 24 & 31	Half term - no rehearsals
Saturday, November 7	9.45am Student Council meeting
	Musica Shelley Christmas Concert tickets go on sale at the coffee bar
Saturday, November 14	Open Morning
	Tickets go on sale for Jazz Christmas Pie and Pea Supper
Saturday, December 12	Last rehearsal of the Autumn Term
	11.45am Percussion Skills, Ready Steady Bow, First Blow Band - Christmas Performance at Shelley College
	7.00pm Big Band, Adult Band - Jazzy Christmas Pie and Pea Supper, Shelley College
Monday, December 14	7.00pm All groups (apart from Percussion Skills, Ready Steady Bow and First Blow Band) - Christmas Concert at Dewsbury Town Hall

Save the Date – Spring/Summer 2027

Saturday, January 9	First rehearsal of 2027
Saturdays, February 13 & 20	Half term - no rehearsals
Saturday, March 13	Music for Youth - groups performing to be confirmed nearer the time
Saturday, March 20	Last rehearsal of the Spring Term
	1.00pm All groups - Musica Shelley Spring Concert, Shelley College
Saturday/Sunday March 20/21	Groups and times tbc - Music for Youth
Saturday, April 17	First rehearsal of the Summer Term
Saturdays, May 29 & June 5	Half term - no rehearsals
Saturday, July 3	1.00pm JWB, Concert Band, BB, ASB, Percussion Ensemble and Percussion Skills - A Slice of Summer, Shelley College
	7.00pm Ready Steady Bow, Training Strings, Concert Strings, Adult and Youth Choirs and Adult Recorders – Summer Serenade, St Paul's Shepley
Saturday, July 10	Last rehearsal of the Summer Term

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Musica Shelley is [Mr Adam Kingham](#).

You must please speak to **any** member of Musica Kirklees staff if you have safeguarding concerns or questions. [Find out more >](#)

