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November 2024

## Welcome!

On **Friday 6th December** we will see the hard work and dedication of **over 300** children and young people performing as part of **Gabrieli ROAR's** ['A Grand Georgian Christmas'](#) at [York Minster](#).

This will be one of many amazing performances and opportunities for our children and young people taking place over the next few weeks, truly a memorable event for all participants and families.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for making our young people's Christmas so special and enjoyable for facilitating the Christmas Concerts, Carol Services, Nativity Plays and many, many other wonderful musical events taking place, all these make our Christmas time so wonderful.

Remember, all York residents can enter **York Minster** for free, so please do look for the **York Music Hub Christmas Tree**, we are so proud of our schools, instrumental tutors and partner organisations for sending their snippet of music to decorate our tree. I have had the privilege of listening to the snippets of music, so varied and all enjoyable!

**Joanne Yau**

**Hub Partnerships Manager**

**Support Us**



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## News

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### All Things Voice with Lynne Dawson

At the end of November, we had the pleasure of hosting an incredible **Vocal workshop** with **Lynne Dawson**!

A huge thank you to Lynne for sharing your expertise and making the day unforgettable, filled with invaluable lessons, beautiful music, and special moments. We'd also like to give a massive shoutout to the brilliant Kate and Ellayana – you both sounded incredible!

With thanks to **Simon Wright**, [York Guildhall Orchestra](#) and [Bootham School](#) for making this possible.



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### York Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2025

Joanne, Jonty, and Faye had a wonderful time decorating our #YMH tree for **York Minster's** [Christmas Tree Festival](#). It was a joyful experience bringing the festive spirit to life, and we couldn't be more excited to share it with everyone.

A massive thank you and congratulations to all our schools, partners and instrumental tutors who submitted such incredible recordings! Your hard work and creativity truly shone through. Be sure to visit our tree at the **entrance to The Chapter House** – it's looking festive and bright! Don't forget to vote for us as your favourite tree – we'd love your support!



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## All Things Brass with Ian Bousfield

Earlier this month, we had the honor of hosting the legendary **Ian Bousfield** for a Brass Day that was nothing short of inspiring! From technical tips to musical insights, Ian shared his expertise and helped elevate everyone's playing!

A huge thank you to Ian for such an unforgettable experience, and to the Masterclass participants - Andrew and Oliver and all from **Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band - (Players from their Youth and Development Bands)** for their enthusiasm.

Special thanks to **Simon Wright**, [York Guildhall Orchestra](#), **Timothy End** and [Joseph Rowntree Theatre](#)





## YMH Upcoming CPD Sessions!

Primary Music Meet-up - **Tuesday 14th January.**

***Why this? Why now? - Successful music curriculum planning.***

Join us for key updates on Ofsted and Deep Dives in music, plus a focus on effective curriculum planning. You'll also have time to share and try out new schemes of learning, with cake and tea! [Book your free spot](#) today and bring along a successful topic or scheme from your school to share!



Secondary Music Meet-up - **Thursday 30th January**

***Bringing DJ-ing into The Classroom.***

[DJ School UK](#)'s Jim Reiss, will introduce DJ-ing in education through a hands-on workshop covering basic techniques, musicianship, and potential challenges in the classroom. The informal session includes time for questions, demos, and



hands-on practice with the equipment.  
Teachers looking to add some groove to their lessons won't want to miss it!

Note: To keep it interactive, **the session is limited to 16 participants.**

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## Supporting Schools 2024/25

York Music Hub are here to support your school this academic year.

Please follow below for more details:

- [Learning Lead Support](#)
- [Whole Class Ensemble Teaching \(WCET\)](#)
- [Self Delivery & Instrument Hire](#)
- [School Music Development Plans](#)
- [CPD](#)
- [Sing Up Membership](#)
- [Bursary Schemes](#)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us -  
**[schools.outreach@yorkmusichub.org.uk](mailto:schools.outreach@yorkmusichub.org.uk)**

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## Two York students perform with Carrot Productions Orchestra!

On **Sunday 22nd December** *Ellayana* ([Bootham School](#)) and **Izzy** (**The Mount School**) will be performing in **The Snowman** with [Carrot Productions](#) live **Orchestra** in [York Barbican](#)!

All shows will feature a special screening of **The Snowman**, there will also be a fun, festive introduction to the orchestra and a visit from the Snowman himself!

**Tickets** to see Ellayana and Izzy are available: <https://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk/whats-on/the-snowman-film-with-live-orchestra-2024>



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## Become a Friend of YMH today!

Your support could make all the difference for a young person who is passionate about music and wants to learn to sing, or play an instrument!

Become a **Bronze friend** for £24 // £2 per month; a **Silver friend** for £96 // £8 per month or a **Gold friend** for £180 // £15 per month. Any support you are able to provide will go directly to those most in need, and the organisations that support and inspire them.

For more information visit: <https://www.yorkmusichub.org.uk/support-us>



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## Department for Education Music Summary Sheet

A reminder to Headteacher's that it is now a requirement for schools to publish their [Music Summary Sheets](#) on your school website. If you have not produced yours, please don't worry, there is a very [simple template here](#) for you to complete. I see this as a way of 'showing off' Music in your school, a way of telling all the positives.

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## YMH's 2024 Events Calendar

Our current 2024 events calendar is ready to view on the [Events and Activities](#) page of our website! Head over now and browse all that is upcoming between now and Christmas 2024.

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## Events & Opportunities

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### Christmas Events in York!

We have now entered the busiest time of the year! Here are a few events to add to your diaries.





[Shepherd Brass Band](#) presents ***The Snowman***.

Enjoy a screening of **Raymond Briggs'** *The Snowman*, with live music by **Shepherd Brass Band**, at [University of York's](#) **Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall**. The film will be shown three times on **Sunday 8th December**: [2pm](#), [4pm](#), and [6pm](#).

**Tickets:** £8 (Free for under 5s)



Join [I Can Play!](#) for their free **Christmas Showcase** on **14th December 09:45** at **York Music Centre** (Nunthorpe Avenue, YO23 1WF)

[National Centre for Early Music's](#) **I Can Play!** programme provides music-making opportunities for D/deaf children across the city of York. This project builds on a long-term programme of research and development activity, investigating the levels of provision and barriers to making music for deaf children and young people in York, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Hull.





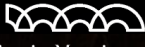
[York's Annual Community Carol Concert](#) at [York Barbican](#) - **Sunday 15th December at 2pm.**


Join [York RI Golden Rail Band](#), [Knavesmire Primary](#), [Heworth Community Choir](#), and West End's **Ian Stroughair** for an afternoon of Christmas cheer. Carol concert favorite **Steve Cassidy** will perform with the ensemble, and community singing will be led by **Mike Pratt**. Hosted by **Rev. Andrew Foster** and **Adam Tomlinson**.

Proceeds benefit the [Lord Mayor and Sheriff of York's](#) **Christmas Cheer Fund** and **York Hospital Radio**.

[Carols by Candlelight](#) at [York Minster](#) - **Friday 20th December**


[Chapter House Youth Choir](#) joins [Chapter House Choir](#) for this ever-popular annual concert, taking place in the stunning **Nave** of **York Minster**. In addition to traditional choral items old and new, there will be festive music performed by the Handbell Ringers of the Chapter House Choir – a uniquely Christmassy combination in the perfect candlelit setting!

**CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR**   
Directed by Benjamin Morris

**YORK MINSTER** 





**Carols by Candlelight**

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024  
7:30PM YORK MINSTER

With the **CHAPTER HOUSE YOUTH CHOIR**   
Directed by Charlie Gower-Smith

and the **Handbell Ringers**  
of the Chapter House Choir

Tickets £15, £17.50, £20  
(£7.50, £10, £20 under 27s)  
from [www.yorkminster.org](http://www.yorkminster.org)

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**Yorchestra | Winter Course**

Applications for [Yorchestra](#)'s Winter Course are **OPEN!**

This course is hosted at the [University of York](#) and will run from **2nd - 4th January 2025** consisting of 3 full days of lively music workshops, welcoming musicians of all abilities.

We're particularly seeking beginner upper strings (Grade 2 and below), trombonists (Grade 5+), and woodwind players (Grade 1-5). Please note, we only accept traditional orchestral instruments (no saxophones due to repertoire), but instruments for Primo and Mezzo ensembles (e.g., euphoniums, recorders) are welcome.

Flexible deadline: **13th December.**

For more info, contact: [yorcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:yorcommittee@gmail.com)



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## The Cross Keys Junior Choir I Sign Up!

Do you have a child aged **5-12** with a love for singing?

The Cross Keys Junior Choir will be back up and running from September. It is a collaboration between [St Peter's School](#) and [York Minster](#), and is open to all children in York. The choir is **free** to attend and the children sing a variety of musical genres under the expert guidance of staff from **St Peter's** and **York Minster**.

The choir is hosted on Saturday mornings during term-time in the Chapel, with weekly one-hour sessions starting at 10am. This term, the children will be participating in [Gabrieli ROAR](#) in York Minster.

Sign up today - <https://forms.office.com/e/99hgh6rHx5>

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## Community Music Now Conference I AMP-Music

1st & 2nd March 2025

## Community Music Now!

AMP Music's joint conference with [Sound Sense](#) and [Leeds Beckett University](#)

The two day conference will take place in Leeds on 1st & 2nd March 2025, so make sure to save the date!

Keep an eye out for more details on how to book your place and how to be part of the programme at: <https://amp-music.co.uk/>

SAVE THE DATE

1st & 2nd MARCH 2025

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In partnership: AMP, Sound Sense, Leeds Beckett University

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with sound opportunities

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LEEDS SCHOOL OF ARTS

You don't have to wait for the monthly newsletter for your YMH fix - follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

## More opportunities



- **Managing Behaviour in Music Education** - Online (Zoom) - **16:30 - 18:00** on **2nd December 2024** . Find out more [here](#).
- **Music Education and SEMHD** - Online (Zoom) - **16:00** on **16th January 2025** . Find out more [here](#).
- **Developing Core Skills in Primary Music** - Online (Zoom) - **09:30** on **28th January 2025** . Find out more [here](#).



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- **Inspiring Music-Makers: Enhancing classroom engagement with Ableton** - Online (Zoom) - **16:00 - 17:00 on 3rd December 2024** . Find out more [here](#).
- **Climate Conversations: Wellbeing and Climate Anxiety** - Online (Zoom) - **12:00 - 13:00 on 5th December 2024**. Find out more [here](#).
- **How to Advocate for Music as a Subject | The Secondary Music Teaching Series** - Online (Zoom) - **16:45 - 18:00 on 15th January 2025**. Find out more [here](#).



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