



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our parent newsletter. We are delighted to be back in schools to share the joy of music learning in all its forms, and in this issue we are very excited to share details of our new website

## BERKSHIRE MAESTROS NEW WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce the launch of the new Berkshire Maestros website.

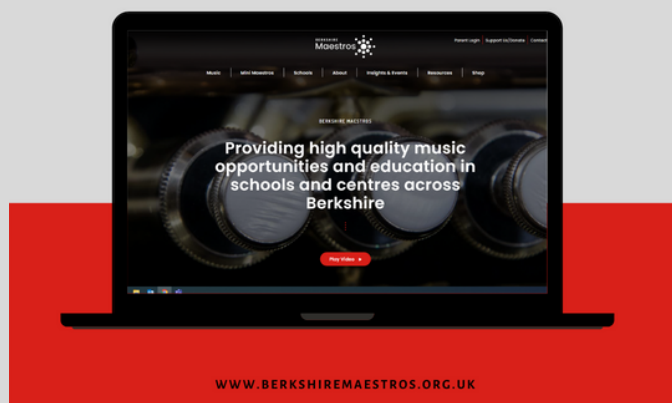
We have been working hard on this behind the scenes whilst in lockdown, to create a more current, user-friendly, vibrant website that really showcases the broad range of opportunities we offer.

Features of the new website include lots of information about the instruments you can learn to play, a wealth of useful resources, special offers, and much more.

Make sure you check out our wonderful instrument chooser - it's a great fun way to find out what instruments might be the perfect match for you.

## We are live!

The brand new Berkshire Maestros website launches today with new resources, information and more...



BERKSHIRE Maestros

Learn to play an

## Endangered Instrument

**LIMITED OFFER**

Did you know some instruments are in danger of extinction? Groups and orchestras need more of them but there are currently not enough players of these rare breeds!

We are offering a very special discount to anyone who wants to commit to saving our endangered species. Spaces are very limited so early registration is strongly advised! New learners can benefit from:

- o HALF PRICE group lessons until July (25% off individual lessons)
- o FREE instrument hire until Christmas
- o THREE FREE ensemble sessions when you are ready to join a group

Choose 'school' or 'music centre' when registering and add **ENDANGERED** in the comments box

**Instruments**

- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Tenor Horn
- Euphonium
- Baritone
- Tuba
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Oboe
- Bassoon

www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

## ENDANGERED INSTRUMENT PROGRAMME

**Special limited availability offer for instrumental lessons**

Sadly, some of our favourite instruments are in danger of extinction, as they are just not played by enough students. If you are interested in committing to save one of these very rare and special instruments, we can offer you:

- HALF PRICE group lessons until the end of the summer term
- FREE instrument hire until the end of the autumn term
- THREE FREE ensemble sessions

Instruments included in the scheme are viola, cello, double bass, French horn, trombone, tenor horn, euphonium, baritone, tuba, clarinet, saxophone, oboe and bassoon.

To take advantage of this offer, simply register for lessons on one of these instruments and add 'ENDANGERED' into the comments box.



# EASTER GUITAR JAMMING!

Join us online on Zoom on Monday 12 April from 10.30am to 12.00pm for a beginners Guitar Jam! Priced at just £10, this course also includes half price membership of a Berkshire Maestro's guitar ensemble for the summer term.

Perfect for all guitarists from beginner to Grade 2, aged seven upwards, this fun morning of music and games will enable you to experience what it's like to play in a virtual ensemble. You will also have the chance to learn to play songs by Queen and Bruno Mars.

This event is open to all, you don't have to be a Berkshire Maestros student, and is suitable for anyone who doesn't yet play in an ensemble. Book your place [here](#).

A poster for a 'Guitar Jam' event. At the top, it says 'Join us on Zoom for a' followed by 'GUITAR JAM' in large red letters. Below that, it says 'Monday 12 April 10.30am - 12.00pm'. A list of bullet points describes the event: 'Perfect for all guitarists from beginner to Grade 2, aged seven upwards', 'A fun morning of music and games', 'Experience what it's like to play in a virtual ensemble and learn songs by Queen and Bruno Mars', 'Suitable for anyone who doesn't yet play in an ensemble', and 'Open to all, you don't have to be a Berkshire Maestros student'. A red button says 'Book here'. At the bottom, it says 'Age seven plus | £10 | Up to Grade 2'. A small note at the bottom left says '\*All attendees will be offered half price Berkshire Maestros guitar ensemble membership until the end of the summer term'. A circular badge in the top right corner says 'INCLUDES HALF PRICE ENSEMBLE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL ATTENDEES\*'. A red badge on the right says 'ONLY £10'. The poster is decorated with various musical instrument icons around the border and images of guitars.

## HELP WITH FEES

We understand that the last year has put strain on most families' finances, and music lessons can become more challenging to afford.

We have a number of options to help lighten this load - either take a look at the information on our [website](#) or email [finance@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:finance@berkshiremaestros.org.uk) for a confidential chat, whether you need a temporary top up or something more substantial.

And for pupils in West Berkshire, the Greenham Trust offers a bursary of £60 towards music lessons, that can be used towards existing lessons or to take up a new instrument. Find out more on [our website](#).

## MINI MAESTROS

Our nurturing, sociable music classes for babies and toddlers are returning face to face for the summer term!

From birth to age seven, in a range of local communities, and with classes throughout the week, there really is something for everyone. [Our website](#) has all the details.



*We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading about how Berkshire Maestros can help you to #KeepTheMusicPlaying as we return to face to face teaching in schools. If you have any feedback for us please email [marketing@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:marketing@berkshiremaestros.org.uk) - we would love to hear from you!*