



## EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### **Moray Music Centre 2025-26 – Welcome**

### **Bringing Moray's Young Musicians Together!**

Welcome to Moray Music Centre and thank you for registering your child to take part in one of the ensembles this year. Moray Music Centre is run by Moray Council's Music Instruction & Performance Team, part of the Sport & Culture Service.

Whether or not your child is a returning young musician, or they are joining one of the ensembles for the first time, we look forward to welcoming them and hope they find Moray Music Centre an enjoyable and valuable experience; making the most of the opportunity to meet and play with likeminded young people from across Moray whilst representing their school at a regional level.

Please read and keep hold of the following key information.

### **Taster Day – Saturday 23 August 2025**

Young musicians and their parents/carers are invited to attend the first rehearsal together – a chance to see what Moray Music Centre is 'all about'; to meet the staff and the other players; and to get a feel for playing in an ensemble. All young musicians and parents/carers are invited to gather in the Assembly Hall for a short welcome and presentation.

### **Rehearsals**

Rehearsals will run on Saturday mornings at Elgin Academy from 1000am – 1200pm.

The continued success of Moray Music Centre relies on the commitment of those who take part. Whilst we appreciate attendance at every rehearsal may not be possible, we ask that young musicians do not miss more than three during the year. Please let us know if your young musician needs to leave early/arrive late or is unable to attend a rehearsal/concert as soon as possible. This will determine rehearsal plans and seating arrangements.

Rehearsals for the 2025-26 session start on Saturday 23 August 2025 and run on the following dates:

<b>Term 1</b>	August 23, 30 September 6, 13, 20 & 27 October 4
<b>Term 2</b>	November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 December 6
<b>Term 3</b>	January 10, 17, 24 & 31 February 7, 21 & 28 March 7 & 14

Rehearsals will run on Saturday 8 November 2025. There will be no rehearsals on Saturday 14 February 2026.

Rehearsals for Junior Brass Band will not begin in August. Registration is provisional until a start date is set. Parents/Carers will be notified in due course.

Individual practice between rehearsals is important – please encourage your child to practise regularly. If your young musician cannot take part in either of the concerts, please advise the conductor of their ensemble at the beginning of the term as this may affect seating arrangements for the concert.

### **Concerts**

All young musicians will take part in the **Winter Concert on Saturday 6 December 2025** and the **Spring Concert on Saturday 14 March 2026**. There will not be separate junior and senior concerts this year. Instead, all ensembles will take part in the same concert and will join forces to perform a 'grande finale' at the end of each. There may be additional opportunities for ensembles to perform and/or to work with visiting musicians.

Concert tickets will be available via the Moray Council online shop four weeks before each concert and are sold on a first come first served basis. Admission will also be payable on the day of the concert. Doors will open no earlier than 30 minutes before the concert starts. Concert programmes will be available for purchase separately on the door.

Concert dress is black/dark grey/navy bottoms, white shirts/blouses and dark shoes (no trainers). Ties are optional and available for purchase (£6.00) via the Moray Council online shop for collection on Saturday mornings only.

### **Charge**

There will be a charge of £143.00 for Moray Music Centre for 2025-26 – this works out as £6.50 per week. There will be no refund for missed rehearsal time, invoices will be issued via email during Term 2 and direct debit payment plans can be set up with the Payments team to spread out the cost.

### **Instruments & Insurance**

To avoid accidents at break times it is important your young musician remembers to put their instrument away in its case. Where a young musician damages an instrument by accident the liability for any damage rests with the parent of the young musician who damaged the instrument and the owners of the instrument and their insurers. Moray Council has public liability insurance which will only cover accidental damage when, following investigation by the Council's insurance provider, it can be proven that there was negligence on the part of a Moray Music Centre staff member.

Instruments can be insured for the appropriate value on your own house contents policy (personal possessions away from the home) or by a specialist instrument insurance company.

### **Hoodies & T-Shirts**

Moray Music Centre hoodies and t-shirts can be ordered online and collected, directly from Dallas Designs by following the link below. There are a selection of colours and sizes available. Both hoodies and t-shirts will have the Moray Music Centre logo on the chest. Additional lettering can be added to the back at an extra cost. Hoodies and t-shirts are not mandatory.

<https://www.dallasdesignsltd.co.uk/shop/Moray-Music-Centre-c168832874>

If you are unable to collect directly from Dallas Designs, orders placed before Saturday 27 September 2025 can be collected by an instructor and handed out in Term 2. Please let us know if you would like to arrange collection.

### **Transport**

Buses will run for young musicians out with Elgin, taking them to and from rehearsals at Elgin Academy. Please note, there will be no return bus journey on concert dates – it is anticipated that parents/carers will wish to attend the concerts.

The bus timetable will be shared with parents/carers in August when numbers and transport arrangements are confirmed. Bus drivers will be provided with a list of young musicians to expect at each stop; young musicians will be issued with bus passes like those issued to school transport pupils.

### **Disruption to Transport/Rehearsals & Emergency Contact Number**

Where a decision is taken by Moray Council not to run a bus or cancel a rehearsal in advance, notice will be shared with parents where possible via email, the Moray Council 'Service Disruption Portal' and on the Moray Music Centre Facebook page. Moray Music Centre relies on the bus companies engaged to run these routes to deliver the service they are contracted to do. Parents/Carers are responsible for their child until the bus has departed for Elgin Academy.

In exceptional circumstances out with Moray Council's immediate knowledge and/or control I include the mobile number below as an urgent contact for parents/carers to use, e.g. where the bus does not turn up.

**Moray Music Centre Emergency Contact no:** 07817 955 665 (between the hours of 0845-1300).

This number is not to be used to report absence and should only be used in urgent situations. It should not be shared with children.

### **Opportunities to Volunteer**

Throughout the year there may be opportunities for family members to support the running of Moray Music Centre rehearsals and concerts. There may also be opportunities to share your thoughts and feedback, and to influence decision making.

### **Promotion**

Throughout 2025-26, ensemble conductors may take pictures and videos for posting on the Moray Music Centre Facebook and Instagram pages. All posts will be in line with social media consent given at registration. Please consider following us on both platforms: @MorayMusicCentre.

For more information, please see our webpage; or to report an absence or to volunteer please contact [education@moray.gov.uk](mailto:education@moray.gov.uk).

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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## Bus Timetable 2025-26

<b><u>Route One – Cullen towards Elgin</u></b> Deveron Coaches (33 seats)		<b><u>Route Two – Keith towards Elgin</u></b> Shearer of Huntly (16 seats)	
Cullen Square	0855	Keith Reidhaven Square	0900
Portessie Findlater Street Bus Stop	0905	Fife Keith Square	0910
Buckie Cluny Square	0910	Elgin Academy	0950
Portgordon	0915		
Fochabers Square	0925		
Lhanbryde Post Office	0935		
Elgin Academy	0950		
<b><u>Route Three – Speyside towards Elgin</u></b> Maynes Coaches (16 seats)		<b><u>Route 4 – Alves &amp; Seaboard towards Elgin</u></b> Kineil Coaches (25 seats)	
Dufftown Clock Tower	0900	Forres Academy	0900
Aberlour Square	0915	Alves A96 Bus Stop Eastbound	0910
Craigellachie Hotel	0920	Burghead	0915
Roths High St. bus stop at old church	0930	Hopeman Forsyth Street opp garage	0925
Elgin Academy	0950	Lossiemouth High School	0935
		Elgin Academy	0950

All vehicles depart from Elgin Academy at 1210.

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