

## **PDMC Beginner Wind and Brass Workshop The Octagon, Buxton, Friday 4 April 2025**

Peak District Music Centres would like to invite you to take part in a workshop for beginner level wind and brass players at The Octagon, Buxton on the morning of Friday 4 April 2025. The workshop will be led by Helen Minshall (a very experienced youth music director from pBone Music) supported by our team of local wind and brass tutors. There will be no charge for participating schools.

During the morning participants will rehearse music together (as well as some other fun musical activities) and then have the opportunity to play as part of a larger band together with some of our senior players. This will be a great opportunity for new players to experience playing live music as part of a band as well as a chance to meet some of our musicians. The morning will end with a short sharing session for parents/carers.

We would also like to work with participating schools to provide more wind and brass opportunities for pupils after the workshop to encourage them to continue their music making. We will be in touch following sign-up with more details of what we could offer.

If your school would like to take part, please complete the short sign-up form at <https://forms.gle/fwK5nEWQGZHTHpAPA> by Friday 14 February 2025. You can also find more information, including a copy of this letter and the link to the sign up form, on our Wind Workshop webpage [www.pdmc.org.uk/wind2025](http://www.pdmc.org.uk/wind2025) This page will be kept updated with the latest news and the link can be shared with others in your team.

### **Key information about the workshop**

**Which pupils can participate?** Schools are welcome to bring any pupils currently learning to play a wind or brass instrument at beginner level to approx. grade 1 (including pupils participating in Classroom Instrumental Learning projects 'CIL' previously referred to as Wider Opportunities). The workshop will not be suitable for pupils who have not yet started to learn to play.

**Who should accompany pupils?** This workshop is only open to school groups (parents cannot sign up individual children). Schools will be responsible for supervising their pupils throughout and are welcome to bring any staff or volunteers that they need to do this. CIL groups will ideally be accompanied by their CIL deliverer or MSP. We are able to pay CIL deliverers a small attendance fee by prior arrangement.

**Instruments-** Pupils will each need to have their own instrument to bring to the workshop. If this is a problem please contact us as soon as possible as we may be able to find a way to help. We can include most woodwind and brass instruments but we ask that you identify the instruments and numbers on the sign up form so that we can have appropriate music arranged, and that you contact us in advance if you wish to bring any other instruments

**Transport-** We are not able to provide transport to and from this event but there is parking at the venue for any schools who wish to bring a mini-bus or arrange their own coach.

**Timings-** The workshop will be from approximately 10am-12noon. Specific timings will be confirmed when schools have signed up.

**Sharing Session-** The morning will finish with a short 'sharing session' where parents/carers will be invited to come along and listen to the music. There will be no charge for parents attending this session and no tickets needed but we will need to limit places to 2 per pupil (not including younger siblings that parents may need to bring). We will send full details of arrangements to participating schools.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact me at [admin@pdmc.org.uk](mailto:admin@pdmc.org.uk) or 07798 714825.

Yours faithfully

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