



Queen Anne's
— CAVERSHAM —

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Berkshire Maestros to relocate its Caversham Music Centre to Queen Anne's School

Local, independent music education charity Berkshire Maestros is to relocate its Caversham Music Centre to Queen Anne's School from September 2018. The partnership between the school and the charity will bring improved facilities for Berkshire Maestros students whilst offering pupils at Queen Anne's access to new musical opportunities.

Previously based at Highdown School at Emmer Green, Caversham Music Centre provides outstanding musical education opportunities for children and young people in the Caversham area. The new, larger centre will initially offer choir, guitar and string ensembles with further groups evolving during the next year offering numerous pathways of progression to intermediate and advanced ensembles, including county level choirs and orchestras. Selected instrumental music lessons will also be available. Initially the new centre will be open two nights each week – Wednesday and Thursday 4.30pm – 8.30pm.

Children and young people from all parts of Caversham study music every week at the Music Centre with many more students benefiting from music lessons provided by Berkshire Maestros at local schools across the region. It is expected that this number will rapidly expand thanks to the dedicated facilities in the brand new state-of-the-art music department at Queen Anne's School. The centre provides a large performance space, several ensemble areas and sound-proofed teaching rooms.

Berkshire Maestros Chief Executive Officer, Lynne Ellis announced the move saying;

"We are delighted to announce our new partnership with Queen Anne's School. This is an exciting pairing for two organisations which share a number of important core values. The school has an excellent reputation and its new music department offers all the facilities and resources we need to provide a first class music service now and develop further in the years ahead. The partnership between Queens Anne's and Berkshire Maestros will ensure that local students have access to the best available facilities as well as allow us to meet the growing demand for affordable, quality musical education in the area."

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John Padley, Director of Music at Queen Anne's School commented:

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to work so closely with Berkshire Maestros. The larger premises will enable them to maintain the high teaching standards for which they are renowned and our students will have the opportunity to benefit from having that expertise on their doorstep.

"With the help of Berkshire Maestros, we look forward to offering a wider range of exhilarating music activities for students and young people throughout the area."

The new location is very accessible and offers ample parking for Berkshire Maestros parents. This is an exciting time for Berkshire Maestros and Queen Anne's in Caversham. With the new, improved Music Centre comes the opportunity to ensure the ongoing high quality of our music provision, further widen our diverse range of musical activity and become even more embedded into the local community.

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Notes to Editors:

Berkshire Maestros:

- Berkshire Maestros is a charitable trust providing music education opportunities to children and young people across Berkshire.

Berkshire Maestros and the Berkshire Music Education Hub:

- Berkshire Maestros, the lead organisation of the Berkshire Music Hub, offers the highest quality musical education delivering instrumental and singing lessons in schools across the county. Tuition covers all instrumental families; brass, guitar, keyboard, percussion, strings, woodwind and voice, across a wide range of styles and genres, including composition and music technology. We provide group music-making opportunities and ensembles for all instruments and skill levels beginning with Early Years Mini Maestros groups for pre-school children, into beginner bands and chamber groups, and culminating in county youth orchestras and choirs. We provide inspirational musical activities and opportunities which enable children and young people to achieve their potential and develop confidence, self-esteem and a life-long love of music.
- Berkshire Maestros offers a full and diverse range of group music-making opportunities through seven area music centres in Reading, Newbury, Bracknell, Windsor, Wokingham, Hungerford and Caversham.
- To download any logos for Berkshire Maestros or the Berkshire Music Hub please go to www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/press.html
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