

Arts Centre Re-opening Information for Arts Members/Parents/Carers



WELCOME BACK

Dear Arts Centre Member/Parent/Carer,

I am so excited that the Arts Centre here at our base at Moorside High School will soon be re-opening following over six months away. From the week beginning **Monday 28th September** ensemble rehearsals and individual lessons will resume. Satellite ensemble rehearsals are scheduled to resume the week beginning 2nd November with some ensembles continuing or beginning to rehearse and meet online for the time being.

This E-pack contains all the important information you will need to know surrounding the re-opening of the Arts Centre and the changes we have made to ensure everybody's safety as we look to get back to enjoying making music and performing arts together again.



If you have any questions/queries around the re-opening of the Arts Centre please don't hesitate to get in touch:
patrick.noone@scll.co.uk

I can't wait to see all the rooms at the Arts Centre alive with music, drama and dance once more.

See you all the week beginning 28th September!

Patrick.

Patrick Noone
Development Officer - Arts Centre and Ensembles.

Entry To The Arts Centre

Entry on to the Arts Centre site will continue to be via the **East Lancashire Road entrance** and entry to the building through the second set of double doors along the side of the building.

If parents/carers wish to escort their child(ren) to the new drop off/pick up point this will be located on the **tarmac area at the corner of our entrance to the building** (see below). Older Arts Centre members or those trusted may make their way from the car park directly to the building by following the paved area around the outside of the car park.



To reduce congregation **our waiting area for parents/carers will be closed**. Parents are encouraged to wait in their vehicles whilst rehearsals are taking place or to leave the site and return to collect their child(ren) at the conclusion of their rehearsal(s). Please ensure MAPAS has up to date contact information for your child should we need to contact you. Parents/Carers of younger Arts Centre members may escort their child to their first ensemble rehearsal of the evening and pick them up again from the same room at the conclusion of their final rehearsal but please only do this if you feel it entirely necessary. In instances such as these parents will still be required to leave the building/return to their vehicle whilst their child's ensemble rehearsal(s) are taking place.

*One parent/carer will continue to be permitted to be in attendance with their child during **Suzuki String** group rehearsals as the role of the parent is so key to the successful teaching of the Suzuki Method. In this instance the parent will occupy the same 'bubble' as their child.

Each ensemble has been allocated both a ten minute arrival window and five minute departure window for its members to adhere to. A member of our core team/volunteer team will be in place at the entrance to monitor these arrival and departure windows. An up to date Arts Centre timetable including room allocations can be found at the back of this E-pack.



The Building

Once inside the building Arts Centre members should head directly to the location of their first rehearsal of the evening where their ensemble tutor will be waiting.

AT THE TIME OF WRITING THERE ARE ADDITIONAL 'LOCKDOWN' MEASURES IN SALFORD THEREFORE ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 11 SHOULD WEAR A FACE COVERING IN COMMUNAL AREAS OF THE ARTS CENTRE. Please note this information is not contained within the Accompanying video.

Please follow any floor markings and one way systems in place around the Arts Centre.

MAPAS' hand sanitising stations will be located at the bottom of our staircase and the entrance to the second floor.

If your child attends multiple ensembles on any given Arts Centre evening they should move only between the locations of these rehearsals (other than if using the toilet/hand sanitising facilities) and wait outside the room until their ensemble leader has arrived. These Arts Centre members are also encouraged to wash their hands/sanitise between each rehearsal.

Rehearsals

Your ensemble will initially be limited to fifteen members. This is in line with the latest Government advice and so you are still able to maintain social distancing during your rehearsal.

The layout of your ensemble room is likely to look quite different. If your ensemble uses chairs these will be laid out in rows and everyone will be separated so that social distancing can be maintained. Keep your instrument case and belongings under or as close to your chair as possible. If you are asked by one of your tutors to set up the room or move any equipment then make sure you reset the same space and return the same equipment.

If your ensemble uses music stands then try to touch your stand as little as possible during your rehearsal.

If you are given any sheet music during your rehearsal this will then be your responsibility to keep either in your instrument case or music folder. If your ensemble uses music pads belonging to MAPAS then these will be distributed by your tutor at the start of your rehearsal. At the end of your rehearsal you need to return your own folder ready to be packed away.

Don't share your instrument with anyone. If you forget your instrument we won't be able to let you use one which belongs to MAPAS. If you need to hire an instrument on a long term basis you will still be able to do this through our instrument loan scheme.

MAPAS will still provide percussion instruments and 'rhythm section' instruments such as guitar amps but will not be providing keyboards or jack leads. Make sure that if you setup or move any of these instruments that you also pack away and return them.

If you play a brass or woodwind instrument then make sure you bring a towel to catch any water from your instrument during rehearsal. At the end of your rehearsal take the towel home and wash it before your next visit to the Arts Centre.

We'll be keeping doors and windows open during your rehearsals wherever it is safe to do so.

Individual Lessons

Individual lesson pupils should follow all the guidelines laid out for ensemble members including the 10 minute arrival/5 minute departure window. Additional social distancing measures in the form of perspex screens will be present in our individual lesson spaces and where it is safe to do so doors/windows will remain open. Parents/Carers of children receiving individual lessons may escort their child to their lesson room and pick them up again from the same room but please only do this if you feel it entirely necessary. In instances such as these parents will still be required to leave the building/return to their vehicle whilst the lesson is taking place.

Toilets

MAPAS will continue to use the two sets of toilets available on the second floor of the building. Arts Centre members should continue to maintain social distancing in these areas and wash hands thoroughly.

Snacks

The MAPAS tuck shop will be closed upon the re-opening of the Arts Centre and the school water fountain out of use. If your child is attending the Arts centre for a prolonged period of time on any given evening then please provide them with their own drink/snacks. These items should only be consumed between rehearsals and only outside the location of your child's next rehearsal. Please ensure your child disposes of any rubbish accordingly and does not share these items with anybody else.

*Water bottles may be taken in to rehearsals but not shared.

Cleaning

Spaces, surfaces and Items belonging to the school will continue to be cleaned by SPIE who are responsible for the regular cleaning of the building. Items belonging to MAPAS such as music stands, percussion instruments etc will be cleaned in-between and following use by a member of our volunteer team.

Exit From The Building

At the conclusion of your final rehearsal of the evening you should make your way to the exit as soon as possible unless you are helping to pack away equipment or re-setting your rehearsal space. Sanitise your hands at one of our two hand sanitising stations before leaving and then make your way to the pick up/drop off point to be collected or head back to your parents/carers vehicle if that is the arrangement you have made. A member of the MAPAS team or your ensemble tutor will ensure all ensemble members have been collected safely.



Performances

No performances are scheduled this term. However, we will be embarking on an ambitious recording project towards the end of the term which will allow us to document everybody's hard work as part of a compilation album featuring all Arts Centre ensembles based here at Moorside High School. This will be then available to purchase as a digital download at a later date with funds raised being split evenly between future Arts Centre activities and opportunities as well as Salford NHS trust.

Hub and Arts Centre Enquiries

All Arts Centre enquiries should be made via email and payments made over the phone rather than in person at the Arts Centre upon the re-opening. If you do wish to speak to a member of the MAPAS team in person regarding an Arts Centre enquiry or payment then please contact us to book an appointment in advance.

General Arts Centre enquiries: patrick.noone@scll.co.uk or mapas@scll.co.uk

Individual Lesson and payment enquiries: tricia.rose@scll.co.uk

MAPAS Phone: **0161 778 0256**



Arts Centre Timetable and Room Allocation September 2020

Please note that ensemble members will only be granted entry to the building **10 minutes** before their first ensemble rehearsal or individual lesson of the evening and must aim to depart within **5 minutes** of the conclusion of their final rehearsal of the evening.

Monday

MAPAS Maestros Percussion - **5:00pm-5:45pm** - Humanities Room - D.041

Suzuki Strings - **5:00pm-5:45pm** - Sports Room (1st Floor) - C.073

MAPAS Maestros - **5:15pm-6:15pm** - Training Room - D.048b

Concert Band - **5:45pm-7:00pm** - Performance Hall - C.071

Concert Strings - **6:00pm - 7:15pm** - Lecture Room - D.047

Training Band - **6:10pm-7:10pm** - Humanities Room - D.041

Training Strings - **6:35pm-7:35pm** - Training Room - D.048b

Synth Orchestra - **7:30pm-8:30pm** - Music Room - D.020

Orchestra - **7:35pm-8:50pm** - Performance Hall - C.071

Wednesday

MAPAS Maestros - **5:00pm- 6:00pm** - Lecture Room - D.047

Singing Squad - **5:40pm-6:40pm** - Performance Hall - C.071

Saxophone Quartet - **6:00pm-7:00pm** - Sports Room (1st floor) - C.073

Jazz Collective - **6:15pm-7:15pm** - Lecture Room - D.047

Youth Choir - **6:55pm - 8:10pm** - Performance Hall - C.071

Big Band - **7:30pm - 8:45pm** - Training Room - D.048B

Thursday

Junior Youth Theatre Company - **5:00pm- 6:00pm** - Performance Hall - C.071

Rock and Pop Academy - **5:10pm-7:10pm** - Lecture Room - D.047

Guitar Club - **5:55pm-6:55pm** - Humanities Room - D.041

Senior Youth Theatre Company - **6:15pm-7:30pm** - Performance Hall - C.071

Musical Theatre Company Bubble 1 - **7:45pm-9:00pm** - Performance Hall - C.071

Musical Theatre Company Bubble 2 - **7:45pm-9:00pm** - Training Room - D.048b

