

**Education Authority Music Service**  
**RESIDENTIAL ORCHESTRAL COURSE**  
**FOR P6 & P7 PUPILS**  
**BALLYCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY – TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**  
**FEE - £130**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

To introduce young instrumentalists to orchestral and ensemble playing, and to afford them the opportunity of meeting and living with others of their own age from all parts of the Education Authority, North Eastern area in a truly communal and integrated atmosphere.

**STAFFING**

The course will be supervised by the Authority's Instrumental Tutors and Pastoral staff, all of whom have First Aid Training. A nurse will be in attendance throughout the course. The decision of the Course Director will be final in all matters.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The course is open to all pupils at present in **P6 or P7** in the Authority's area who have at least one year's experience of playing orchestral instruments (including orchestral percussion, but excluding recorder and piano).

**REGISTRATION**

1. Registration can be made either –
  - A. By applying on-line by going to –  
[www.neelb.org.uk/parents-and-youth/music/residential/registration/](http://www.neelb.org.uk/parents-and-youth/music/residential/registration/)
  - OR**
  - B. By downloading an application form –  
[www.neelb.org.uk/parents-and-youth/music/residential/registration/](http://www.neelb.org.uk/parents-and-youth/music/residential/registration/)
  - OR**
  - C. On the official form which is available from Katie or Lorraine at the Music Service Office, Antrim Board Centre, on 028 94 482212/235.
2. The closing date for registration will be **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. Any applications received after this date will not be guaranteed a place on the course but will be held on a reserve list.
3. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible after this date.
4. The fee for the course will be £130. Details of payment will be issued at a later date. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE FEE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION!!**
5. Places are limited and the Course Director reserves the right to take any appropriate action to ensure a correct instrumental balance.

## COURSE INFORMATION

### 1. Provisional Daily Timetable:

0830	Breakfast	1500	Sporting Activities
0915	Rehearsal	1700	Tea
1030	Break	1745	Rehearsal
1100	Rehearsal	1930	Film/Entertainment
1245	Lunch	2130	Supper
1345	Rehearsal	2200	Lights Out

2. Each member should bring: Musical Instrument  
Adequate day and night clothing and toilet requisites  
Indoor Shoes  
Sleeping bag, pillow, pillowcase. Camp beds are provided.
3. Pocket money should be sealed in an envelope on which is clearly written **the child's name, address and amount**. The envelope will be collected from the children for safekeeping on arrival and distributed daily as required.
4. Possessions of value should be handed to room tutors for safekeeping. Articles which could prove to be anti-social are prohibited.
5. Course members will be escorted into Ballycastle town in small supervised groups on one or two afternoons.
6. Parents should avoid visiting the school during working hours, and telephone communication should only relate to matters of urgency.
7. In addition to a residential nurse, a doctor of medicine will be on call 24 hours daily during the course. **PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THE ATTACHED MEDICAL FORM GIVING FULL DETAILS OF ANY SPECIAL DIET, MEDICAL HISTORY OR CONDITION OF WHICH WE SHOULD BE AWARE!! IF THERE ARE NO SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE ENTER "NIL" ON THE FORM.**
8. Parents are welcome to attend an "End of Course" concert on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm. **The course will end after the concert.**
9. Transport will be provided to the course on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Details will be issued at a later date. **Parents/Friends are encouraged to transport their own children home after the concert on the last day of the course.** Any difficulties should be notified to the Music Service Office prior to the commencement of the course when alternative arrangements will be made.
10. **PREVIEW** – A short film of the course can be viewed on -

[www.neelb.tv/music-service/hitting-all-the-right-notes](http://www.neelb.tv/music-service/hitting-all-the-right-notes)

Copies of this letter were sent to the Principals of all Primary Schools  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

Yours sincerely



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