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# ‘Around the world with CMA’, Showcase 2026

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Fairfield Halls

Rehearsal 4<sup>th</sup> July, Oasis Academy Shirley Park Secondary

## Rehearsal timings and expectations

It is Showcase time again! We are very excited to present our programme to you. The students have worked so hard. Thank you for supporting them on their journey to get here. We will need some extra rehearsals to be ready to perform for you all.

Below is the rehearsal schedule and guidelines. We have an extended Saturday rehearsal (4/7) and a rehearsal on the day of the concert (Tuesday 7/7). These rehearsals are the only opportunity for many of the ensembles and partner organisations to collaborate prior to the performance, so attendance at both is essential. If you are unable to make the performance please let us know ASAP via the [online form](#).

**Students will need to be released early from school on 7 July to attend the rehearsal. This is a mandatory rehearsal for anyone taking part. We will not be able to include students in the evening performance if they do not attend the full rehearsal.** A letter for headteachers is attached below to request an authorised absence from your child’s school. Please check the rehearsal schedule to see how early they will need to leave school that day.

Tickets will be available through the Fairfield Halls box office and website. We will send ticket information in a separate email.

### **Guidelines for Parents and Carers**

- Please drop your child on time at their **arrival time**, this is needed for their group to rehearse effectively and for your child to feel confident on the day.
- Please ensure your child has enough food and drink to last them for the whole of their rehearsal. **No child will be allowed to leave the building to obtain food or drink.** Please do not send fizzy drinks, glass bottles or any nut containing products.
- Instrument cases should be clearly labelled with your child's full name.
- **When arriving at CMA on 4 July (Oasis Academy Shirley)** enter through the main foyer by the library. Students will be registered there. When picking up your child please wait outside the main foyer.
- **When arriving at Fairfield Halls on 7 July** please go in through the front entrance and head towards the main foyer staircase. There will be a CMA member of staff at the top to register your child.

- For safeguarding reasons, we cannot permit any parents or carers to sit in the audience during rehearsals. Please do not ask to go past the Sign In point (top of the staircase).
- Children need to be collected at the end of their rehearsal. Late fees will apply to any students not collected on time.
- **Arrival for the concert at Fairfield Halls – All students must arrive by 6:30pm for the concert to start on time at 7pm. The audience doors will open shortly after 6:30pm for you to take your seats.**
- **Signing out of Fairfield Halls** will happen at the end of the concert. Locations will be sent to you via email with where to meet your child to collect them on your way out of the venue.
- **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE REHERSALS AND THE PERFORMANCE ON THEIR OWN. This form must be filled out by 1<sup>st</sup> June if you wish your child to be independent. We will not accept responses after this time. This form is the only way to ensure your child can leave on their own.**

[FILL OUT FORM HERE](#)

This needs to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> June so we can amend registers accordingly.

**Please attend the following rehearsals:**

**Oasis Academy Shirley Park - Saturday 4 July**

NB - Not all groups are attending an additional rehearsal on 4 July. The groups required are listed below

Groups – rehearsing in the main hall	Saturday 4 July	
	Arrive	Leave
Hoe Down Strings & CAEA dancers	8.55am	12.15pm
Friday Strings & Friday Percussion	9.20am	12.15pm
Saturday Strings (String Orchestra and Intermediate)	9.50am	12.15pm
Access Music Makers (all groups)	10am	11am
Chamber Choir, Vocal Stars, Keyworks, Djembe Grooves	10.50am	12.15pm
Tuesday Centre (Vocal Vibes, Rockshop, Jazz Band)	11.15am	12.15pm
Friday Winds (CYW)	11.15am	12.45pm
Saturday Concert Band	11.15am	1.15pm
Rockworks – no rehearsal on 4 July		

# Please attend the following rehearsals:

## Fairfield Halls – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Groups	Tuesday 1st July	
	Arrive	Leave
Access Music Makers combo	11.30	12.30
Keywords, Creative, Djembe Grooves	12.15	1pm
Rockshop, Vocal Vibes & Saturday Vocals	12.45	1.50
CAEA Musicians	1.40	2.10
Jazz Band	1.45	3.00
Coco Finale (& CAEA Dancers)	2.15	3.00
Fri & Sat Winds	3.30	5.30
Sat Strings	4.00	5.30
Full Orch (Friday strings arrive 4.30pm)	4.30	5.30
LMP, All Strings, Friday Percussion (and CAEA Dancers)		

**Please ensure your child is met at the end of their rehearsal time from the Foyer (bottom of the stairs).**

**All performers must sign in (at the foyer main staircase), and drop their bags to their green rooms at 6.30pm, before heading backstage.**

**THE PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 7:00PM AND SHOULD FINISH AROUND 9:30PM**

### **Concert Dress Code**

Saturday Centre – Black bottoms, black shoes (no trainers), plain white tops without logos.  
Tuesday & Friday Centres – All Black, long skirts and trousers, dark socks and shoes, no trainers.

### **Photos / Video Recording**

This performance is being captured as part of our funding agreement and I understand that by taking part I consent to my child's image being used by CMA for funding and marketing purposes. It will be very difficult for your child to take part if you do not wish them to appear in any photos or videos of the whole stage. However, we can avoid including them in close up shots and edits if you let us know by email at the address below. **Any further questions you have please contact [musicandartseducation@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:musicandartseducation@croydon.gov.uk)**

11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Re. Croydon Music & Arts Showcase 'Around the world with CMA', Tuesday 7<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

Dear Croydon Headteacher,

You are receiving this letter because a student at your school regularly attends rehearsals at Croydon Music & Arts and is participating in this year's Showcase event '**Around the world with CMA**' on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Fairfield Halls. The performance will feature collaborations between CMA and partner organisations, including the London Mozart Players and Croydon Academy of Eastern Arts.

**We are asking that you release participating students early from school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July so they may attend their full rehearsal session starting from 11.30am (group dependant).** They will know their start time but please check individual cases with us if necessary. **We request that your attendance officer mark this as a working day, using the code C1 (participating in a regulated performance), enabling them to be released from school.**

**The rehearsal is mandatory for all performers.** This is the only time we have in the venue with all the performers. The logistics will be extremely complex, bringing together hundreds of young people from numerous schools, in addition to various professional artists. Any student unable to participate in the entire afternoon rehearsal is very unlikely to be able to perform in the evening concert, even if they have attended other rehearsals. Thank you for supporting this unique and memorable moment in the student's life.

To thank you for your support, and so you can see your student(s) perform, we would like to offer you or a colleague a **free ticket**. Email [musicandartseducation@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:musicandartseducation@croydon.gov.uk) with the name of the person from your school and we will allocate them a VIP seat. Please let us know by 30<sup>th</sup> June so we can return unused seats to the box office.

Yours sincerely



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