

# CMA Friday Orchestral Centre

**Autumn Term 2026**



Rehearsals 6 – 8.30pm; Oasis Academy Shirley Park CR9 7AL

September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16

HALF TERM (2 week break)

November 6, 13, 20, 27; December 4 (with concert from 8pm)

We look forward to seeing all students again this Friday. For those new to Friday Orchestral Centre, we structure each term differently. This term the usual format will be:

## Session 1:

Croydon Youth Winds (all wind, brass and percussion)

Senior Strings; Cello Choir; Shoulder Strings – later combining into one.

## Session 2:

Croydon Youth Orchestra OR Croydon Youth Concert Orchestra

A timetable is displayed on a noticeboard as they arrive, which changes from week to week. Students will be directed to the correct ensemble if they are new, or have been moved to a new group.

As ever, please let us know as soon as possible if a student is unavailable for a rehearsal or a concert as these things can affect staffing and repertoire decisions.

## **Concerts:**

**Autumn      Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026, 8pm, Oasis Academy**

**Spring      Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2027, 3pm, Trinity School**

**Summer      Main concert TBC, early July.**

Possible new work project with LMP for some players – rehearsal 11<sup>th</sup> June, Concert 12<sup>th</sup> June. We will not know if this can be funded until early 2027.

**Mobile phones policy. In line with new DfE guidance, we no longer allow phones to be switched on at CMA centres. Please see separate attachment.**

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## **IMPORTANT: Safeguarding and Health & Safety Update**

### **Please read carefully – action required**

Croydon Music and Arts (CMA) is committed to safeguarding, and health and safety, to ensure the highest level of care for everyone who attends our provision.

All CMA staff receive safeguarding training, and qualified first aiders are always on site. All CMA staff are now also trained to use automatic adrenaline devices following the introduction of Benedict's Law. To support our staff in looking after your child/ young person, and to ensure we can respond effectively in an emergency, we require all families to complete the following actions:

### **What you need to do**

- Log in to your child's Speed Admin profile immediately and check that all SEN/D and medical information is accurate and up to date.

(If you need support with this, please contact the office 020 8681 0909)

- Ensure at least two emergency contact numbers are listed on Speed Admin.
- If we cannot reach you in an emergency, we must be able to contact an alternative trusted adult without delay.
- If your child carries an EpiPen or similar AAI adrenaline device, please email [lucie.vezey@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:lucie.vezey@croydon.gov.uk) to arrange a short but essential discussion about how CMA will safely support its use.

### **Safeguarding contacts**

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are:

Lucie Vezey – [lucie.vezey@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:lucie.vezey@croydon.gov.uk)

Izzy Fixter – [izzy.fixter@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:izzy.fixter@croydon.gov.uk)

If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, please contact one of the DSLs as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children and young people safe.

Jon Regan,  
CMA Friday Centre



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