

South Dartmoor Music Centre 2026 – 2027



South Dartmoor Community College

About Us: Our Philosophy

We believe that music making should be accessible for all and we would like to open our doors to more young people within our community. We are very lucky to be supported by an amazing team of Music teachers and Visiting Music Teachers who are as passionate about music as we are. We bring affordable and high-quality music making opportunities to our young people through a range of activities available thanks to funding from Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs.

Our Music Centre is for students in Years 4 to 9. We cater for pupils who live in the South Dartmoor Community College catchment area.

South Dartmoor Training Orchestra

What is it?

With funding from Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs, we are delighted to be able to offer students the opportunity to play with an orchestra, alongside other young musicians from the South Dartmoor Learning Community. The orchestra is led by our Visiting Music Teachers and there will be opportunities for our orchestra to perform at events in 2026-2027.

Who can attend?

Students in Years 4 - 6 in primary and Years 7 - 9 in secondary who are actively learning an instrument from beginner level up to Grade 3 standard.

How much does it cost?

Thanks to funding from Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs, we offer this opportunity to students for free.

When and where does it run?

Thursdays, weekly from 4.00 – 5.00pm in the South Dartmoor College Music Department. The first session is on Thursday, 24 September 2026

How do I sign-up?

We will need a registration and consent form [includes emergency contact details] to be completed using the link below:

[Music Centre Registration and Enquiry Form September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Please contact rjlewis@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk if you need further information.

Group Tuition – New Starter

Looking to start learning an instrument?

This is a weekly session for new starters where your child will receive specialist instrumental tuition in a group setting.

Who can attend?

Any student in Years 4, 5, 6 or 7 attending a primary school in the South Dartmoor Learning Community, or who lives in the College catchment area who would like to learn an instrument. This is perfect for those who are keen to learn, but do not yet want to commit to the full cost of purchasing or hiring an instrument and paying for individual instrumental lessons.

Where and when does it run?

New Starter Sessions run on Thursdays after school from 3.30-6pm, in the South Dartmoor Community College Music Department. You can express your interest using our registration form below, spaces will be subject to availability. The time of the group lesson will be confirmed; the Centre runs in a bespoke way to support registrations, students, lessons, and music making opportunities. *Our Music Centre will begin on Thursday 24 September and will run weekly in term time.*



Group Tuition – New Starter how much does it cost?

£3.50 per session. There will be 30 sessions for this academic year and charged termly [£35], we can create different payment options if preferred, do not hesitate in contacting the centre with any questions. Payment will be made via our College online parentpay shop. To request starter group tuition please complete the form using the link below:

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Continuing Tuition – *Moor lessons*

This is a weekly session for members who have previously received tuition at the Centre your child will continue to receive subsidised specialist instrumental tuition in a group setting.

Group Tuition – Moor Lessons how much does it cost?

£4.50 per session. There will be 30 sessions for this academic year and charged termly [£45], we can create different payment options if preferred, do not hesitate in contacting the centre with any questions. Payment will be made via our College online parentpay shop. To request continuing group tuition, please complete the form using the link below:

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Continuing Tuition – *private lessons*

These are available on all instruments offered at the Primary Centre, tutors will contact you directly to arrange. To enquire about private tuition please complete the form using the link below:

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Choice of Instruments for Group Tuition:

Violin

The violin is a perfect instrument to introduce primary aged students to playing a stringed instrument. From learning the violin, pupils can often move on to learning viola, cello or double bass and we offer a kick start programme for learning the cello at secondary age.

Woodwind

Clarinet or Saxophone group lessons are available at the Centre. Learning a woodwind instrument, such as clarinet and saxophone, often leads to students progressing to other woodwind instruments such as the flute, oboe or bassoon.



Brass

Bb Trumpet group starter lessons are available with our tutor, from this instrument students may be advised and encouraged to consider other brass instruments such as Trombone and Tuba.

Orchestral Percussion

Students will explore our percussion suite which includes Timpani, Xylophone, Marimba and Glockenspiel and gain understanding through rhythm and pitch work within this setting.

Guitar

This offer includes a starter group lesson on acoustic guitar and group tuition for students that are already learning guitar. We aim to develop our guitar ensemble and will provide instruments at the Centre for members.

Next Steps Ensembles, September 2026!

Our Primary Music Centre has been open 3 years and we would like to challenge students that are *moor* experienced players by creating next steps ensembles. There will be a small termly contribution for this and the offer will be dependent on applications.

Why should my child learn an instrument?

- We have a fantastic team of Tutors covering many instruments and styles.
- Learning an instrument can improve your memory, stimulates creativity, teaches patience, enhances coordination, boosts confidence, improves listening skills, introduces new cultures and history and improves social skills.
- This will be an opportunity to meet new teachers and pupils from different schools.

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Instruments for Group tuition

Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs provides quality instruments for our group tuition sessions at the College so your child will always have something to play on in their session. This is free of charge. However, if your child would like to take an instrument home to practice then you will need to hire the instrument. This hire agreement can be completed at any stage. A discount is applied if a student is eligible for Pupil Premium or if you indicate that your child is attending the Music Centre.

[Registration - Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs \(speedadmin.dk\)](#)



Session Dates:

Autumn Term

Session 1 - Thursday 24 September 2026
Session 2 - Thursday 01 October 2026
Session 3 - Thursday 08 October 2026
Session 4 - Thursday 15 October 2026
Session 5 - Thursday 22 October 2026
Half Term
Session 6 - Thursday 05 November 2026
Session 7 - Thursday 12 November 2026
Session 8 - Thursday 19 November 2026
Session 9 - Thursday 26 November 2026
Session 10 - Thursday 03 December 2025

Spring Term

Session 1 - Thursday 07 January 2027
Session 2 - Thursday 14 January 2027
Session 3 - Thursday 21 January 2027
Session 4 - Thursday 04 February 2027
Session 5 - Thursday 11 February 2027
Half Term
Session 6 - Thursday 25 February 2027
Session 7 - Thursday 04 March 2026
Session 8 - Thursday 11 March 2026
Session 9 - Thursday 18 March 2026
Session 10 - Thursday 25 March 2026
Possible performance date [6-8.30pm]

Summer Term

Session 1 - Thursday 22 April 2027
Session 2 - Thursday 29 April 2027
Session 3 - Thursday 06 May 2027
Session 4 - Thursday 13 May 2027
Session 5 - Thursday 20 May 2027
Half Term
Session 6 - Thursday 10 June 2027
Session 7 - Thursday 17 June 2027
Session 8 - Thursday 24 June 2027
Session 9 - Thursday 01 July 2027
Session 10 – Thursday 8 July 2027
Possible performance date [6-8.30pm]

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