



Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child has been invited to participate in some events during the inaugural Cornwall Youth Jazz Festival taking place at Truro College from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November 2017. This Festival will be run in conjunction with staff and students from Leeds College of Music Jazz Degree (LCMJD) course. Further information about the LCMJD courses will be available on the day, and the chance to have an audition if you would like.

We would be grateful if you would complete and return the attached form as soon as possible so that we can begin our detailed planning of the Festival.

Please note: the Improvisation Masterclasses are open to all students, and attendance is not restricted to one session. Indeed, students are encouraged to attend more than one session.

Provisional timings are -
Elementary 10.30 - 12.00,
Intermediate 13.30 - 15.00,
Advanced 16.30 - 18.00.

The Elementary session will assume little or no previous knowledge of jazz improvisation and will be an introduction to the art of creative playing. The Intermediate will be for students who would like to enhance their basic improvisational skills, and the Advanced will be for experienced players keen to add more skills to their arsenal of techniques.

The Sunday morning session is for individuals, duos, trios and not forgetting vocalists. They will have a short rehearsal with an experienced rhythm section, and then perform at a short informal concert on the Sunday lunchtime. If you can supply any music required, that would be most useful; if you need help with this aspect, please ask well in advance of the date, as we can assist in sourcing suitable notation for the rhythm section.

We are looking forward to seeing as many young players as possible at these two days of workshops.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Bilham, Keyboard and Jazz Manager, CMST