



EDSENTIAL BIG BAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Carers

We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of our Edsential Big Band Academy. Anyone in Year 7 and above who is learning a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument is welcome to become part of our big band with weekly rehearsals and regular concerts.

Launch Date: Thursday 7th November - FREE taster session
Venue: West Kirby Grammar School, Graham Rd, West Kirby CH48 5DP
Time: Thursdays during school term time 6pm – 7.15pm
Cost: £55 per term (Joining Wirral Schools' Big Band Academy gives you access to all of our Wirral Music Centres with a termly charge of £55 - [EDSENTIAL MUSIC CENTRES](#))

**** REGISTER FOR FREE TASTER SESSION HERE ****

Please note - If having Edsential tuition, membership is FREE. Other remissions are available on enrolment. Bursaries also available. ***FREE TO ALL WKGS STUDENTS***

Music brings pleasure, not just to the people playing or listening, but the entire community centred around it. Music teaches life skills, creates friendships and is a source of comfort and inspiration to many. This is why this big band academy is being formed, to bring together children who already love music and also those who are curious and perhaps at the start of their musical journey. They will learn how to play big band jazz music, gain valuable skills in swing music and understand how the different sections of the band come together to create a performance. As a parent, you will be giving your child access to a safe and friendly environment to develop their playing and to have fun and a sense of achievement through ensemble performance.

Ensemble Lead - Becky Thomas

Becky Thomas is the conductor, leader and co-founder of Out of the Blue Jazz Orchestra, which hosts a regular music night every month at Heswall Hall, drawing in big named guest artists such as Alex Clarke, Alan Barnes and Matt Ford. Featuring some of the North West's best musicians, the band's repertoire includes blues and jazz standards with a sprinkling of R and B and some soul. Becky is also an established clarinet and saxophone teacher and leads a number of school ensembles, also teaching classroom music to infants.

Sign up process – no need to enrol until your child has attended the FREE taster session:

Please use the link below and enrol – select Music Groups and Ensembles – Edsential Big Band Academy – you will then be asked to either log into your existing account or create an account - [ENROL HERE](#)

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch – music@edsential.co.uk or call our team 0151 541 2170.

Kind Regards

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