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February 2025

## Welcome!

A new half-term already, the days are getting longer and we are starting to see some sun. But this time of year reminds us that it's all fast-paced towards the exam period, while still numerous performances take place around York, a huge thank you to our teachers and Partners that work tirelessly to make it all happen. **York Music Hub** is lucky to be able to partner with some amazing organisations, locally and nationally. Our next big project is working with the wonderful OAE (Orchestra and the Age of Enlightenment) in June, the schools are at the ready.

Next weekend we are truly honored to work with **Luke O'Toole**, principal flute of the Orchestra of [Opera North](#), for a flute workshop taking place in the Auditorium at **Bootham School**. Again, this is a result of our wonderful partnership with the [York Guildhall Orchestra](#) and the conductor Simon Wright, please do come along to support the session. The last in the workshop series will take place in June, with a focus on Piano. Thereafter, we are working to improve our offering in creating our '**Everything Day**'. The first is '**Everything Brass Day**' will take place on **5th July**, the day will be a wonderful mix of workshops and masterclasses, please look out for further information.

And finally a huge thank you to everyone that has supported **York Music Hub** with your collections of Blue Chips at Tesco's. There are just a few more weeks to go, so please continue to collect your Blue Chips when shopping, every Blue Chip counts with the aim of providing further Instrumental Bursaries this year.



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## News

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### YMH are taking part in Tesco's Stronger Starts Scheme!

We Need YOUR Help!

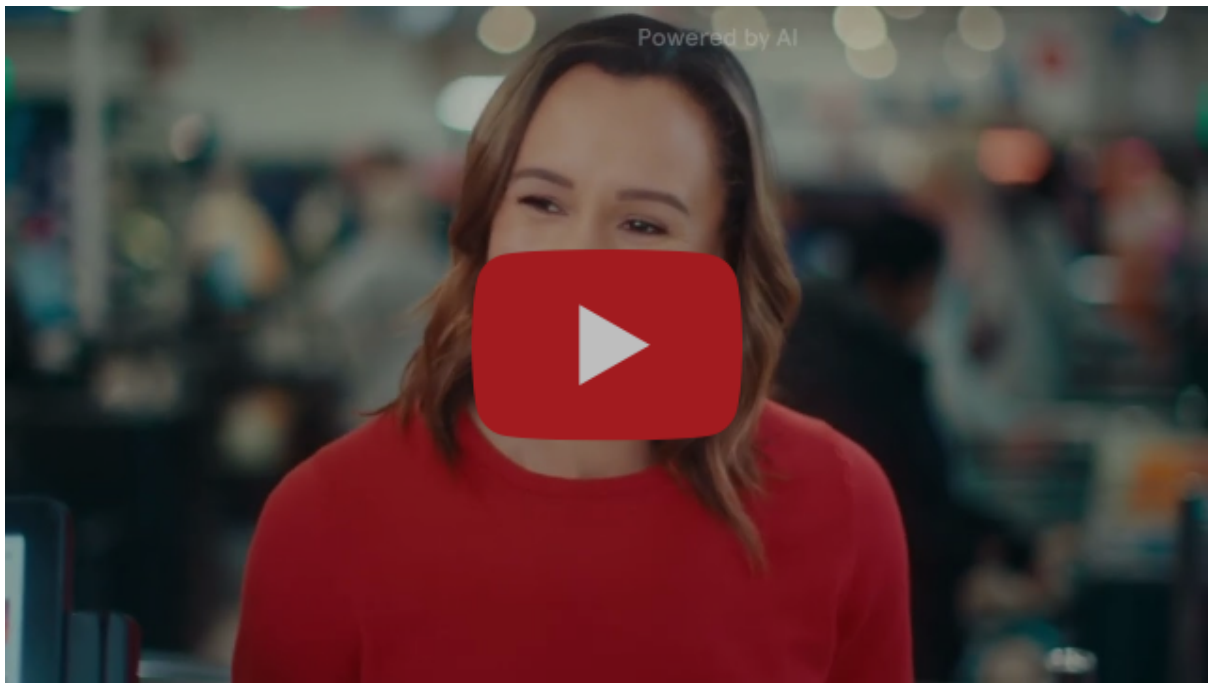
We're thrilled to announce that **York Music Hub** has been selected to take part in [Tesco's Stronger Starts](#) Scheme. But to make the most of this incredible opportunity, we need **YOUR** votes!

Here's how you can help:

1. Head to your local **Tesco** store and find the **Blue Chip voting station**.
2. Drop your token for **York Music Hub** to show your support!
3. Share and encourage your friends and family to vote too!

Every vote counts, and your support could help provide more children in York with the chance to access music!

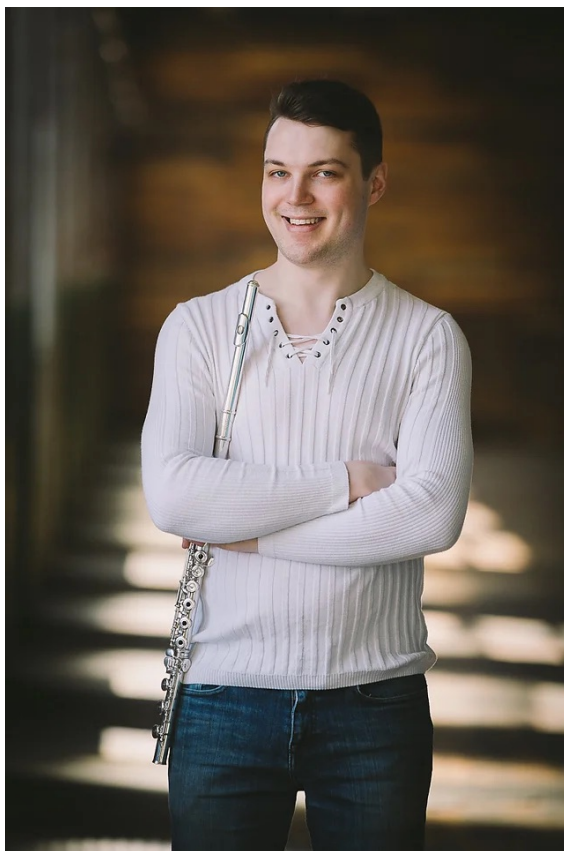
Together, we can make a meaningful impact on our community!



A quick message from Olympic champion Jessica Ennis-Hill!

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## Come along to our Flute Workshop with Luke O' Toole | Sunday 9th March



York Music Hub and York Guildhall Orchestra invites you to our [Flute workshop](#) with renowned Flautist, **Luke O'Toole**. At the Auditorium, Bootham School (49-57 Bootham, York YO30 7BU) at on Sunday, 9th March 2025 at 1pm.

This event is brought to you, thanks to York Music Hub's on going partnership with [York Guildhall Orchestra](#).

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## Supporting Schools 2024/25

York Music Hub are here to support your school this academic year.

Please follow below for more details:

- [Learning Lead Support](#)
- [Whole Class Ensemble Teaching \(WCET\)](#)
- [Self Delivery & Instrument Hire](#)
- [School Music Development Plans](#)
- [CPD](#)
- [Sing Up Membership](#)
- [Bursary Schemes](#)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us -  
**[schools.outreach@yorkmusichub.org.uk](mailto:schools.outreach@yorkmusichub.org.uk)**

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## Become a Friend of YMH today!

Your support could make all the difference for a young person who is passionate about music and wants to learn to sing, or play an instrument!

Become a **Bronze friend** for £24 // £2 per month; a **Silver friend** for £96 // £8 per month or a **Gold friend** for £180 // £15 per month. Any support you are able to provide will go directly to those most in need, and the organisations that support and inspire them.

For more information visit: <https://www.yorkmusichub.org.uk/support-us>



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## Events & Opportunities

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### York Community Choir Festival | Joseph Rowntree Theatre

2nd - 8th March 2025



#### [York Community Choir Festival 2025](#)

[Joseph Rowntree Theatre](#)'s annual festival features choirs of all ages, with a wide variety of singing styles coming together in a unique concert each night.

Across the week, at least four different choirs will sing in concert each night, performing well-known classical and modern popular songs with some show tunes, world music, folk song, gospel, jazz and soul all thrown into the mix.

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### I Can Play! Showcase | 29th March 2025



Join [I Can Play!](#) for their **Showcase** on **29th March 09:45 - 11:45** at **York Music Centre** (Nunthorpe Avenue, YO23 1WF)

[National Centre for Early Music](#)'s **I Can Play!** programme provides music-making opportunities for D/deaf children across the city of York. This project builds on a long-term programme of research and development activity, investigating the levels of provision and barriers to making music for deaf children and young people in York, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Hull.



The event is £6 per participant, though **FREE** places are available for families on low income (please email [support@yorkartseducation.org.uk](mailto:support@yorkartseducation.org.uk) for a discount code)

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## Opera North Youth Orchestra play Sibelius I Sunday 23rd March

Join [Opera North Youth Orchestra](#) in Victoria Hall, Saltaire on **23rd March** as they perform Jean Sibelius' First Symphony, Grace Williams' Penillion suite and Kurt Weill's Symphonic Nocturne on 'Lady in the Dark' complete the programme.



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## Chapter House Youth Choir | 29th March 2025



Join [Chapter House Youth Choir](#) at 3pm on Saturday 29th March at St Olave's Church. for a joyous afternoon of varied choral works, featuring works of Whitacre, Mäntyjärvi, L'estranger and more.

Free admission, with a retiring collection in aid of the choir.

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## AMP-Music | Opportunities

Join [AMP's Little Notes](#) for weekly music sessions where parents and carers can bond with their child, develop new skills and confidence and make new friends.

These sessions help young children develop their musical, communication and social skills in a safe, fun environment. Children and their adults are involved in singing, playing with a variety of instruments and sensory activities.

Sessions are free to attend.



Join **AMP** in partnership with [Blue Box Creative and Performing Arts](#) for [Get Musical Junior Band](#) as they deliver free music workshops and jam sessions for 6-11 year olds in the Richmond area. These workshops are designed for complete beginners or people a little way into their journey with exploring music or learning an instrument.

This year **AMP** are bringing [Music in the Round's Giddy Goat](#) to their Early years tour, in collaboration with [Orchestras Live](#). The tour will take place on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of March** with public performances available in **Skipton** and **Whitby**.



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## Yorchestra | Easter Course

Applications for [Yorchestra's](#)

Easter Course are OPEN!

This course is hosted at the [University of York](#) and will run from **9th - 11th April 2025** consisting of 3 full days of lively music workshops for all musical abilities.

\*Yorchestra has a [Family Fund](#) to offer some financial assistance to those who would not otherwise be able to take part.



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## More opportunities

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- **Girls Can - Spring 2025 - 14:00 - 17:00// 11:00 - 15:00** on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2025**. Find out more [here](#).
  - **Music for the Mind and Soul - 20:00** on **Saturday 15th March 2025**. Find out more [here](#).
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- **Together for Music 2025 - B:Music's Symphony Hall in Birmingham - 09:00 - 15:00 on Friday 14th March 2025.** Find out more [here](#).
  - **Music for Youth's National Festival 2025 - 4th - 6th July 2025.** Find out more [here](#).
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- **Empowering Teachers, Amplifying Voices: Supporting Generalist Teachers in schools with ABRSM Voices - Online (Zoom) - 16:00 - 17:00 on 4th March 2025.** Find out more [here](#).
  - **T-Time - Online (Zoom) - 16:00 - 17:00 on 17th March 2025.** Find out more [here](#).
  - **Peer Group: Instrumental and Vocal Tutors - Online (Zoom) - 17:00 - 18:00 on 24th March 2025.** Find out more [here](#).
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- **Supporting Safer Practices: Safeguarding Essentials With the ISM - Online (Zoom) - 16:00 on 5th March 2025.** Find out more [here](#).
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- **Managing Behaviour in Music Education - Online (Zoom) - 16:15 - 17:45 on**

26th March 2025 . Find out more [here](#).

- **Diversifying Primary Music** - Online (Zoom) - **16:15** on **12th March 2025** . Find out more [here](#).



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