IGNITE band updates

Autumn updates 2026.

I hope this letter finds you keeping well.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to perform at The Hawthorns for the Virtual School Awards evening. The musicians were brilliant and received lots of praise from the organisers and attendees. I hope the band members enjoyed it as much as the audience did.

We are now getting ready for the big performance at Symphony Hall on April 17th 2027. (more details to follow in the coming weeks).
We have two meet ups before then , one in November and one in February and we would love to se as many of you there as possible.

Our next meeting for Ignite is on **Saturday 21th November at Coneygre Arts Centre** and we are really looking forward to seeing all the young people there again. We will be practicing three new songs!

On November 21st please aim to drop the young people off for **9.30am**. Then return for **11.40am** to hear how we have got on. We will be all finished by 12.00pm. Please be here to make sure your young person is collected by this time.

The full dates for your diary this year are

*** Saturday 21st November 2026: Coneygre Arts Centre. Ignite Practice.**
*** Saturday 6th February 2027: Coneygre Arts Centre. Ignite Practice.**
*** Saturday 17th April 2027: Symphony Hall. Massed SIPS Music performance.**
*** Saturday 3rd July 2027: Coneygre Arts Centre. Ignite Practice.**

If you need any more information, please do get in touch via ian.brennan@sips.co.uk
Thank you again for all your support.
Kind regards.
Ian
Ian Brennan.

Here is the sign up form to indicate your availability for November 21st IGNITE BAND Sign Up November 21st, Coneygre Arts Centre – Fill in form



Here are the current dates in our diary for this academic year:

Date	Venue	Timings (for students)	Cost	Dress Code
Saturday 21st November	**Coneygre Arts Centre**	**9:30am – 11:50am**	**Free**	**Casual**
Saturday February 6th	**Coneygre Arts Centre**	**9:30am – 11:50am**	**Free**	**Casual**
Saturday April 17th	**Symphony Hall**	**To be confirmed**	**Free**	**Smart**
Saturday July 3rd	**Coneygre Arts Centre**	**9:30am – 11:50am**	**Free**	**Casual**

IGNITE is our Rock and Pop band, now in its seventh year. We meet at the Coneygre Arts Centre to practice together and perform to family and friends all in one music packed morning. It was initially designed to support Children In Care, and their families. Their friends and fellow musicians are welcome to join us as well. We would love your young musician to join us!

Regardless of whether it is your first time at IGNITE or your 10th time, and whichever stage you are at on your instrument, everyone is welcome!

Why IGNITE?

Our young people have said it gives them confidence to step outside their comfort zone and do something new. It is a change to the normal lessons they receive in school settings *(but it still improves their musicianship)*. They say it is fun and enjoy that there are other young people to make friends with. The staff are friendly and supportive and there are lots of chances to perform to friends and family. It is all about showcasing the young people's talents in a friendly supportive environment. We are massively proud of the progress that the young people make, and everything they get out of the experience.

Meetings at The Coneygre Arts Centre:
Address: Coneygre Arts Centre, Sedgley Road East, DY48UH
Timings: Drop students off for 9.30am. Bring instruments if they have them, or let us know and we can provide one. They will make new friends while practicing a range of songs together as a band. Adults to return for 11.40am when the students will perform their pieces in the theatre. Other family members or friends are welcome to come along for the performance too.
Students will be presented with certificates and badges.
All finished for 12pm.

Any further questions please email me at ian.brennan@sips.co.uk
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