

IGNITE band updates

Spring edition.



Our next meeting is on **March 22nd** and we are really looking forward to seeing all the young people there again at 9.30am.

On March 22nd we will be practicing a range of pieces which we will then perform when families return at 11.30am.

As well as our usual practice and performance we will also be beginning to get ready for *SIPS @ Symphony Hall*.

SIPS @ Symphony Hall, June 29th 2025

Great news! IGNITE have been invited to play at Symphony Hall on the main stage alongside SIPS' ensembles and bands. It is a wonderful, rare, opportunity: we will be on stage alongside 300 other students from a wide range of Sandwell schools and performing to a packed out audience.

The Symphony Hall concert is on June 29th but we will be sharing the music and information for this on March 22nd. Please be at the March 22nd rehearsal to find out more.

Here is what the inside of Symphony Hall looks like

https://youtu.be/9oV02hqmqrM?si=duiHY0UluQi2cf_C

(YouTube; Take a tour on a drone around Symphony Hall)



Please sign up using the link below, we really look forward to seeing all the young people there.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Msyj45Rdb1>

If you need any more information, please get in touch via ian.brennan@sips.co.uk
Kind regards.

Ian Brennan.



Moving Forward

IGNITE is now in its fourth year and is meeting at the Coneygre Arts Centre in a fully kitted out theatre. 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!

IGNITE is our pop and rock band for children in year 4 and over which meets roughly once a term. We 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!

Here are the remaining dates for this academic year:

Date	Venue	Timings (for students)	Cost	Dress Code
Saturday March 22nd	Coneygre Arts Centre	9.30am – 11.50am	Free	Casual
Saturday June 21st	Coneygre Arts Centre	9.30am – 11.50am	Free	Casual
Sunday June 29th	Symphony Hall	More information soon	Free	Smart Concert wear.

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.

The logo for SIPS (Sandwell Music Education) features the letters 'SIPS' in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a dark blue background.The logo for SIPS Education features the word 'EDUCATION' in a white, sans-serif font on a light blue background.

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