

Youth Music Wessex

Members' Code of conduct

We want the Youth Music Wessex (YMWes) activities to be enjoyable, memorable for all the right reasons! We therefore ask you to abide by the following set of rules. Failure to stick to these rules may result in you receiving a strike and ultimately being removed from the project. We have yet to resort to sending anyone home, and look forward to keeping yet another clean sheet!

1. Respect all other participants and staff.
2. Do not leave the YMWes site unless you have the permission of the member of staff on duty.
3. Please use the sign in/out book provided if you are going off-site (18-year-olds only).
4. The YMWes and the Lytchett Minster School premises has a no smoking policy.
5. No alcohol or illegal drugs.
6. Please respect the YMWes environment and property.
7. Please respect other people's property.
8. Perform at your best.

Three Strikes System

Any serious incidences of rule breaking and/or bad behaviour will be reported to the YMWes Director - Susanna Riddell. A decision will be made as to whether the incident counts as an official 'strike'. Members who receive three strikes will be asked to leave the YMWes according to the Early Leaving of Project regulations below. The final decision will be made by the YMWes Director. If an incident is considered to be of sufficient seriousness, we will waive the three strikes rule and you will be asked to leave immediately.

Three strikes and you're out – be warned!

Behaviour

Please treat all participants and staff members with the respect they deserve. We require acceptable and reasonable levels of behaviour from all participants at all times. We are especially determined that there be no physical, verbal or digital bullying of participants or staff by others taking part in the course, and all staff will be required to bring any instances of such mistreatment to the attention of the course leader.

We expect everyone to be polite and responsible when communicating with others; students will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language. Students should appreciate that others may have different opinions. Students will not take or distribute images or videos of anyone without their permission.

Students must not upload material to social networking sites (e.g. Facebook/Instagram), or broadcasting sites (e.g. YouTube) that in any way contain associations with the course without the permission from all involved.

Students must not create pages on social media that pertain to YMWes students or staff; this includes pages where students or staff are 'rated', coupled up, insulted or bullied. Where incidents do occur, we reserve the right to ask a participant to leave the project. Where this happens, we will require that the young person in question is collected a clarified in "Early Leaving of Projects" below.

Tell us in confidence

If you are aware of any behaviour or actions of others that make you feel uncomfortable, or know of unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages online, please tell a member of the course staff. The information you give will be treated in complete confidence.

Early Leaving of Projects

If you receive three strikes within a term, or are involved in serious incidents of bad behaviour/rule breaking you will be asked to leave the project. If you are under 18, your parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to collect you as soon as possible. If you are unwell or involved in an accident YMWes Coordinator will contact your parent/guardian or next of kin and ask them to collect you, as soon as possible.

In both the above circumstances we would not allow you to leave the premises unaccompanied, unless you are 18 years old.