

# Wessex Band

## Summer School

### **What is it??**

The annual Wessex Band Summer School is open to people of all ages, consisting of three different bands covering all playing standards, and has been in existence since 1970. The Brass and Wind bands are for players of grade 4-8+, whilst the Training band takes players of a standard equivalent to grades 1-4.

The course offers high standards of playing and expert tuition received from some of the UK's leading players and conductors.

### **Where is it??**

The Wessex Band Summer School takes place at Sturminster Newton High School in Sturminster Newton, Dorset, where there are three separate large halls, to cater for each band. During the course there are on-site catering and first aid facilities within the college.

### **When is it??**

The 2012 Wessex Summer School takes place between Monday July 23rd and Saturday July 28th.

### **What do I get??**

The course runs for a week with rehearsals and tuition covering Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm. Each band has their own schedule with the timetable divided into full band rehearsals, sectional tutoring, and rest and lunch periods. There is also a masterclass featuring our tutors.

### **What's at the end??**

The course is concluded with a concert on Saturday open to all, allowing members to showcase their talents in a final performance.

The concert is recorded, and CDs can be ordered at the event. Previous years' CDs will also be available by request.



### **Where do I stay??**

The course is non-residential, with members choosing the style of accommodation that suits them best, all of which is plentiful in the area. This includes:

- :: Camping
- :: Holiday cottages for groups & families
- :: Bed and Breakfast
- :: Hotels and guest houses
- :: Travel daily from home

Many players and their families choose to stay on a campsite, run by the Wessex Camping Committee, within the college grounds. Tutors and conductors often choose this type of accommodation, which can provide great interaction between the staff and students.

There are various evening activities throughout the week, including a talent show, Big Band rehearsal and concert, wine tasting (for those old enough!) and pudding club.

### **Local Amenities**

Bournemouth and Weymouth are about 40 minutes by car. Dorchester and Shaftesbury are interesting market towns. Various museums and National Trust properties within one hour's journey.

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[www.wessexband.com](http://www.wessexband.com)

**Do YOU play a brass,  
woodwind or  
percussion instrument?**

Fancy having fun over the summer  
with other players from all over the  
country?

Come and join the Wessex Band  
Summer School and receive expert  
tuition on YOUR chosen instrument!

You can join the brass, wind or  
training band, no auditions necessary!

**July 23rd to July 28th  
2012**

**Go on, give it a blow!**

**To book your place,  
download an application  
form from:**

[www.wessexband.com](http://www.wessexband.com)

or alternatively, for more information  
or an application form, please contact:

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The Wessex Band Summer School  
takes place at:

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Here are some past students' comments:

'Thank you! Had so much fun throughout  
the whole week'

'When's the next one?'

'What a week, so many new friends and  
great tutors'