

FEE INFORMATION 2010-11

FULL FEES

Red, Yellow and Green students: **£ 80.00 per term (£240.00 whole year)**
Blue students: **£100.00 per term (£300.00 whole year)**

SUBSIDIES

Eligible to apply if your household has an annual income of £18,000 or less:

Red, Yellow and Green students: **£55.00 per term (£165.00 whole year)**
Blue students: **£65.00 per term (£195.00 whole year)**

BURSARIES

Eligible to apply if your household receives income support or income-based Jobseeker's allowance:

All bursary students **£20.00 per term (£60.00 whole year)**

SCHOLARSHIPS

May be awarded to students who demonstrate particular talent/potential AND whose households face financial hardship but do not meet the criteria for a bursary or subsidy. Requests will be assessed by CYMH staff. Please contact HMDT for more information.

INSTRUMENT LOAN FEES **£25.00 per year**

WHEN DO I NEED TO PAY BY?

Fees AND instrument loans must be paid BEFORE each term starts. Here are the payment deadlines:

- **Deadline for Autumn Term 2010**
Monday 20th September 2010 (term starts 2nd Oct)
- **Deadline for Spring Term 2011**
Monday 3rd January 2011 (term starts 15th Jan)
- **Deadline for Summer Term 2011**
Monday 18th April 2011 (term starts 30th Apr)

HOW CAN I PAY FEES & INSTRUMENT LOANS?

- **Paypal:** Visit www.hmdt.org.uk Click CYM Hackney then Click 'Pay your CYMH fees online using Paypal'. There is a £2 external Paypal charge per payment.
- **Cheques:** Make out to 'HMDT' and send to HMDT, Technology Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ. Please write the name of the student and group on the back.
- **Cash:** We do not recommend sending cash by post. Cash can be brought to the HMDT office, or for following terms, be paid to the HMDT Projects Officer at the Centre on Saturdays.
- **Late payments:** Can be given in cash or cheque to the HMDT Projects Officer at the Centre on Saturdays, or can be paid online by Paypal (where the late fee is automatically added).

LATE FEES

I paid before or on the deadlines above

You paid on time so there is no late fee!

I paid late but before or on the first day of term

You owe £10 per child additional to the fee

I paid AFTER the first day of term

You owe £25 per child additional to the fee

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR ANSWERS TO IMPORTANT FEE QUESTIONS

Why did the fees go up again this year?

- The last increase in fees helped with the large deficit CYMH incurs each year, however, the fee increase is essential for further reducing this deficit and ensuring the future of the Centre.

The fees are really expensive – how much do other Saturday music centres cost? CYMH is one of the least expensive, best value Centres in London. Here are some comparisons:

- CYM Hackney is between £240 and £300 per year (bursaries are £60 per year)
- Junior Guildhall is £2,470 per year. The bursary they offer is about £1,470 at best
- Latymer Saturday Music Centre is £558 per year for individual lessons + £165 for ensemble
- Wimbledon College Saturday Music School is £450 per year
- CYM Hackney's instrument fee is £25 per year. CYM Morley's instrument fee is £60 per year.
- Average private lesson fees are from £30 - £45 for an hour.

Why do we now have to pay before the start of term?

Some parents/carers are fantastic at paying their fees on time. However far too many paid late last year, putting a huge administrative burden on the office in calls, letters and emails. Most unfair on parents/carers who do pay on time is if a child starts the term and benefits from its activities, then withdraws without fees being paid. This new system minimises the risk of this happening.

What happens if I miss the payment deadline but still pay before term starts?

If you miss the deadline but pay before the start of term, you will incur an additional £10 late fee.

What happens if I don't pay until the term starts?

If you pay after the term starts you will incur a £25 late fee. If after 2 weeks into the term you have still not paid or contacted us to explain why, your child's place at the Centre will be in jeopardy.

I have more than one child at the Centre. Why do I have to pay more than I late fee?

Because it still costs HMDT to chase up 2 students, even if they are siblings. If you are struggling to pay on time, do call us before payment deadlines on 0208 820 7410. We want to help parents/carers who take responsibility for their payments and are having trouble paying on time. Do not leave it until you already owe £50 in late fees.

Do I still have to pay the late fees if I have a bursary?

Yes. The late fees apply to everyone. In exceptional circumstances a late fee will be waived if you contact us in advance to let us know you think you will have trouble paying on time.

When do I need to apply for a bursary/subsidy for this year?

By Friday 10th September 2010

Do I have to pay the instrument fee before the start of term?

Yes. You need to pay £25.00 for the instrument for the whole year by Monday 20th September 2010 unless you are in Yellow 1 Group, who receive instruments in January 2011.

My child wants to take a break from CYM for exams/other reason.

Do we still pay fees?

Yes. We understand that due to exams and other reasons, students may occasionally need time out. We are happy to keep your child's place at the Centre if you have communicated with us. The term's fee remains because otherwise another potential student could take the place and pay for it. If your child takes a break and then decides not to come back, the term's fee is not refundable, and please let us know with as much notice as possible so we can offer the place to a new student.