



Welcome to the Chalfont Wind Band

The Band's aim is to encourage the interest of wind band musicians of any age and to give them plenty of experience of playing in public, whilst supporting the local community.

Musical director: Ryan Bunce

Rehearsals

The Band rehearses on Mondays in term time at Robertswood School, Denham Lane, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 0EW. There is parking in the school car park and in Denham Lane.

Academy Band: 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Concert Band: 7.45 – 9.45 pm

The Concert Band has a short break and provides refreshments halfway through the rehearsal.

The Academy Band is for players of any standard, for those who are taking up a second instrument, or for those returning to music after a prolonged absence. The Concert Band is for those at Grade 5 standard or above. No audition is necessary.

You will need to bring your own instrument and music stand and be set up, tuned and ready to start playing at the times stated. Music is provided and kept by the Band, but you are welcome to photocopy your parts to practise at home.

Annual structure

We work towards two main concerts a year, in late March and early December. They usually feature both bands.

We rely on the support of our members for transporting equipment, setting up, arranging refreshments, ticket sales, etc. Please offer any assistance you can.

We also play at several informal events throughout the summer, ranging from summer fetes to beer festivals. At Christmas we play carols indoors and outdoors in various locations, charity fundraising events and carol services.

We expect members to commit to events whenever possible. We use Muzodo software to request availability for events and concerts. Please put them in your diary as soon as possible and indicate your availability as soon as you receive the Muzodo email. You will be invited to set up a Muzodo account. We recommend that you download the Muzodo app so that you can easily check event details and submit or change your responses.

Uniform

For outdoor informal events we wear a red Band polo shirt with black below the waist, and a red Band fleece if necessary. You will be provided with a Band polo shirt and fleece. These should be returned if you leave the Band.

For concerts and other formal events, we wear all black. Please see our website for further details.

Communications

The band uses WhatsApp for general communications. Your mobile phone number will be used to include you in the main group “Chalfont Wind Band”, and, where appropriate, in “CWB Academy Band”. The message at the opening of these groups, for those joining later, was as follows:

Welcome to the Chalfont Wind Band WhatsApp group. We intend to use it as the Band's main method of communication, in conjunction with Muzodo, our event scheduling system.

Please treat it with respect. Do not post unnecessary information, jokes, irrelevant photos etc and do not share the phone numbers outside of this group.

Let us know via this group if you can't make a rehearsal.

In addition, you will receive Muzodo emails and on some occasions, emails from the band's email account.

Policies and guidelines

Please familiarise yourself with the band's policies and guidelines, which are available on the Band's website:

Constitution

Safeguarding, including our safeguarding register

Recruitment of individuals in key roles

Health and Safety

Data Protection

Code of Conduct

Whistleblowing

Supporting our members

Safeguarding



The band places the utmost importance on the safety of our members. We strive to ensure that there are opportunities for all people, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity to participate in the wind band in an enjoyable and safe environment. Our Musical Director and Safeguarding Officers have been through safeguarding training, and several other players have been DBS checked. The band organisation as a whole meets the requirements of the Brass Bands England Bandsafe programme.

Fees

Annual subscriptions are due at the beginning of term, in September. If you choose to pay termly rather than annually, subs are due at the start of each school term. Please make your payment online:

Account name: Chalfont Concert Wind Band

Sort code: 20-37-16

Account number: 10243108

Reference: your name

Fees for 2025/26 are as follows:

		Full rate	Concessions
Full year	Main Band	£115	£100
	Academy Band	£75	£60
Termly	Main Band	£40	£35
	Academy Band	£30	£25

In addition, a one-off joining fee is payable:

Concert Band: £25

Academy Band: £10

Concessions include anyone in full time education, and those aged 65 and over. In cases of financial hardship, please speak to the Band's Treasurer, Elaine Flynn (in the brass section) in confidence.

If you wish to play in both bands, only the main band fee is payable.

Photography

Chalfont Wind Band expects its members to take part in concerts and other events. During these activities, photos and/or videos may be taken and used in publicity, communications, publications or digital channels (e.g. websites, social media). Individuals are not identified by name. Please give your consent on the attached form.

Data protection policy

Chalfont Wind Band collects and uses personal data (name, email, phone number, emergency contact, health and vulnerability information) to manage band activities and ensure member safety. We store data securely and only share it when legally required to do so, or with your consent. You have the right to access, correct, or delete your data. For questions or requests, contact chair@chalfontwindband.co.uk. We retain this data for as long as you remain a member of either band, or for as long as you wish us to keep in touch if you leave.

Checks on joining the band

Anyone wishing to join the band must show a form of photo ID (e.g. drivers' licence or passport). In the case of a child or young person this should be the ID of their parent or guardian.

All members are required to complete a Conduct declaration form. We will carry out a Google search and social media search on all new joiners. If there is anything you would like to disclose, please feel free to explain in advance, using this form.

If an applicant is shortlisted and interviewed for a key role in the band, we will seek references in advance and confirm those via email and telephone (or similar). Any offer of the position will be subject to the satisfactory completion of the vetting process, including a DBS check.

Medical emergencies

The Band has first aid trained members who will respond in an emergency. If you/your child have any medical conditions we should be made aware of, please let us know.

Complaints procedure

If you wish to make a complaint, please contact our Chair, either in person or by emailing chair@chalfontwindband.co.uk. Your complaint will be addressed in line with the procedures set out in our Safeguarding policy.

Website

For more information, please see our website: chalfontwindband.co.uk

To access the members' section, you will be provided with a username and password.

We hope you enjoy playing in the Chalfont Wind Band and/or Academy Band and are made to feel welcome. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to any of our members.