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**Kent Ambassadors’ event at Kent Music Summer School**

**About the Concert**

We are looking forward to welcoming the Kent Ambassadors to the concert on 19th July, which will be the culmination of a six-day course and is part of a month-long summer music school run by Kent Music. The summer school, in its 74th year, will be welcoming children from as young as 8 from all over Kent to engage in a wide range of musical activities.

Details about Kent Music Summer School can be found at <https://www.kent-music.com/kent-music-summer-school/>

The concert on 19th July will be given by two ensembles:

the Kent Youth Wind Orchestra, conducted by Wing Commander Duncan Stubbs (Rtd)

<https://www.kent-music.com/county-groups/kent-youth-wind-orchestra/>

the Summer School Wind Band, conducted by Stephanie Godwin (Director of Music National Concert Band Royal Air Force Cadets)

<https://www.kent-music.com/kent-music-summer-school/wind-band-course/>

Music for the concert will be selected whilst on course from the vast amount of repertoire available to concert bands. A varied programme will be performed during the evening and pieces will be announced by the conductors.

**COVID Guidance**

Please note we will be following Government Guidance in place at the time of this event.

**Directions**

Please see overleaf

**Arriving at Benenden**

Benenden School is located in the village of Benenden, near Cranbrook in Kent.

**By rail**

The nearest rail station is Staplehurst, an hour from London on the line which serves Ashford, Canterbury and Ramsgate. Benenden is approximately a 20-minute journey from the station.

**By road**

The school postcode is TN17 4AA. We advise using TN17 4AQ if using SatNav as some older devices might take you to the rear gate instead of the front entrance.

Benenden is easily accessible from the M25 (leave for the A21 at Junction 5, signposted Hastings) and the M20 (leave at Junction 6 for Maidstone).

When arriving at Benenden, please proceed up the main driveway where you will be met by Kent Music Staff. Staff will be able to direct you to reserved parking for the evening. If the barrier is down upon arrival please call 07860 505693 or 01622 358402 so assistance can be provided. Please note the speed restrictions on site.

Benenden operates a one-way system on its site. If you accidentally find yourself at the rear gate, those barriers will not permit you to enter and you will need to turn right out of the rear entrance and follow the road, New Pond Road, to the crossroads where you should turn right again. In approximately 400 metres you will find the school entrance on your right.

Please inform staff upon arrival if you require access to a disabled parking bay. After parking you will be directed to the pre-concert reception.

