

# CMA Friday Centre January 2024



**Rehearsals begin as normal: 6-8.30pm at Oasis Academy Shirley Park  
January 12, 19, 26, February 2 (half term break for two weeks) then Feb 23, March 1**

After 1<sup>st</sup> March, CYO and CYCO (Concert Orch) students will attend different rehearsals:

**Croydon Youth Orchestra will focus on the Peter Stark/Chineke! weekend\***

**Concert 3pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Trinity School**

Rehearsals on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March will be held in the Concert Hall at Trinity School

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm to 9pm
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 1pm to 8pm (with a long break from 4pm to 5pm)
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – 10am start. Pizza lunch provided for students. 3pm concert.

**Croydon Youth Concert Orchestra will be performing as part of the Young Croydon Composers event 'Celebrating London Borough of Culture'**

**Concert 7pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Fairfield Halls**

- Fridays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Normal rehearsals at Oasis Shirley, 6-8.30pm
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: 2.30pm rehearsal. 5.30pm break. 7pm Performance

\*Croydon Youth Orchestra players will be invited to support the Fairfield Halls concert as well. Those invited will need to attend rehearsals from 15<sup>th</sup> March onwards.

There will be no separate Croydon Youth Winds or String Ensembles this term. All rehearsals will be focused on sectional and full rehearsals for the high-profile concerts. However, those wishing to form their own chamber ensembles can continue to use the 5-6pm slot.

## **Croydon Youth Orchestra**

The Peter Stark/ Chineke! concert will be a flagship event for the youth orchestra players who will be performing alongside students from the Trinity Music Academy and professional musicians from the Chineke! orchestra. Peter Stark is world-renowned for his work with young orchestras, including the European Union Youth Orchestra where he is resident conductor. In January and February we will be joined by postgraduate students from the Royal College and professional musicians from Chineke! The music is hired and must not be taken home from rehearsals. **Practise copies can be found [here](#).**

## **Concert Orchestra** (Jo Grainger's group)

CMA's Concert Orchestra & Chamber Choir will collaborate with Croydon Academy of Eastern Arts choir to perform three specially commissioned pieces for '[This is Croydon' London Borough of Culture 2023](#), composed by award-winning musicians Shri Sriram & Dennis Rollins. The performance will also feature original works by the talented and diverse musicians who comprise the Young Croydon Composers.

Details about how to book tickets for both concerts will follow later in the term.

Kind regards,  
Jon Regan, CMA Friday Centre