

BAND CLUBS



Calling the Music Makers of Tomorrow!

Real bands. Real progression. Real futures.



**FUTURE YARD
SCHOOLS**

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MORE THAN MUSIC LESSONS. REAL BANDS.

Future Yard Band Clubs bring the experience of being in a band into schools.

Each week, pupils come together to form bands, learn instruments, create music and develop the confidence to perform. They learn by playing, rehearsing, collaborating and finding their own sound.

Designed for all abilities, Band Clubs give every pupil the chance to experience the creativity, teamwork and belonging that comes from making music together. Because music is more powerful when it's shared.

A pathway into the music world.

Band Clubs are the starting point of Future Yard's wider music education journey, connecting pupils with live music, creative opportunities and real experiences inside our community venue and creative education hub in Birkenhead.

Pupils don't just take part in music.

They become part of it.

ABOUT FUTURE YARD

Future Yard is a **not-for-profit** live music venue and creative organisation based in Birkenhead, and an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.

We exist to create opportunities for people to discover music, develop creativity and build futures.

Music changes schools.

Band Clubs reflect how young people experience music outside school, socially, creatively and collaboratively.

They help schools to:

- Build confidence and self-expression
- Improve teamwork, listening and communication skills
- Create stronger connections between pupils
- Increase engagement with music across the school community
- Provide meaningful enrichment opportunities
- Create memorable performance moments for pupils, families and staff

Schools tell us Band Clubs create a visible change in school culture, with pupils feeling proud, connected and excited to be involved.

When pupils find their place in music, they often find their place in school too.

WHY BAND CLUBS?

A connection to the real music world

Band Clubs are not a standalone activity. They are part of Future Yard's wider primary music education pathway **TURN UP THE VOLUME.**

Through Future Yard, pupils can access the following both in and out of school:

- Instrumental learning
- School performances
- Live music experiences in school
- Creative workshops in school
- School Trips to Future Yard
- Opportunities to perform on stage at Future Yard
- Modern, exciting classroom curriculum resources
- Pathways into youth music and creative careers

From first rehearsal to the stage, pupils are connected to a real music environment.

HOW DO BAND CLUBS WORK?

BUILD A BAND. FIND YOUR SOUND.

Band Clubs put young people straight into the experience of being in a band.

Working in small groups, band members learn by playing together, trying instruments, sharing ideas, discovering music and building their own identity as a band.

No previous experience is needed. You might be picking up an instrument for the first time or already know your way around one. Either way, you start making music together from day one.

Everything you need to start a band

- Real instruments and equipment
- Experienced Future Yard Band Coaches
- Weekly practical sessions
- Music shaped around the band and its interests
- A clear journey of progression
- Regular opportunities to play live

Discover what you're capable of, take on new challenges and get the best out of your band.

Future Yard achievements celebrate the skills, creativity, performances and milestones along the way.

There's no single route through Band Clubs

Whether you're playing your first note or already have some experience, start from where you are and keep developing as a musician, performer and band member.



3 ANNUAL GIGS ON THE
FUTURE YARD STAGE:
NOVEMBER > MARCH > JULY

Every gig is another chance to level up!

Take your band from the rehearsal room to the Future Yard stage, with friends and family there to see you play.

School Band Clubs can also take the stage at school, with opportunities to perform for friends, families and the wider school community.

YOUR JOURNEY

UNLOCK ACHIEVEMENTS!

Being in a great band is about much more than playing the right notes.

UNLOCK ACHIEVEMENTS as you become a better musician, performer and band member then **LEVEL THEM UP**

Your achievements develop with you across three levels:

DEBUT > LIVE > HEADLINE

On top of this, you will achieve one-off **MILESTONES** such as:

FIRST JAM > FIRST SONG > FIRST GIG > FUTURE YARD DEBUT > FIRST ARRANGEMENT > FIRST ORIGINAL > FIRST FULL SET

Every young person's progression is unique. Band Clubs give them the space to develop, create and thrive, and find their own path.

THIS IS YOUR JOURNEY. YOUR SOUND. YOUR STAGE. YOUR BAND!

DELIVERY

+ PARTNERSHIP

Simple to start. Powerful in impact.

Future Yard takes the lead, working closely with schools to make Band Clubs easy to launch and sustainable.

Programme structure:

- Weekly 45-minute band sessions
- Small groups of around 7 pupils
- Delivered by experienced Future Yard band coaches
- Flexible delivery: during the day, enrichment or after-school activity
- Ongoing progression throughout the academic year
- Instruments provided and available in school

Band Clubs work best when schools launch with two or more groups, creating a vibrant music community from the start.

A typical launch includes:

- **2 Band Clubs**
- **Around 14 pupils taking part**
- 2 weekly 45-minute sessions (delivered within a 2-hour period)
- Instruments provided and kept in school

As interest grows, schools can expand their Band Club offer and create more opportunities for pupils to take part.

Cost & access

PARENT-FUNDED MODEL

£32.99 per month per pupil for a 45-minute weekly session. Future Yard believes every young person should have the opportunity to experience the creativity, confidence and connection that comes from making music. Schools support access by:

- Helping promote the opportunity to families
- Supporting recruitment and group setup
- Working with Future Yard to review impact and progression
- Using Pupil Premium or other school funding to subsidise places for pupils who may otherwise face barriers to taking part

This helps us build strong, sustainable Band Clubs while making the opportunity accessible to as many young people as possible.

SCHOOL-FUNDED BAND CLUBS

Schools can also commission exclusive Band Club packages for their pupils, investing directly in regular band-based music provision.

Packages can be shaped around the needs of the school and its pupils, including provision for particular year groups, targeted cohorts or SEND groups.

WHOLE CLASS ENSEMBLE TUITION

Future Yard can also deliver Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) alongside Band Clubs, giving whole classes practical, inclusive opportunities to learn instruments and make music together.

School-funded Band Clubs and WCET may be eligible for subsidy through your local Music Hub, helping schools increase access while making the most of their music education funding.

SCHOOL STORIES

School leaders say it best...

"Band Clubs have been really influential for how our children feel as people"

"There is a new energy in our school culture with children singing and engaging with music and other subjects in ways they didn't before"

"Uptake was very low for singing and our choir, but since Band Clubs started there are lots of children engaging with that extra-curricular and have even had performances out in the community. That just wouldn't have happened before"

"Confidence and engagement has improved in a big way. Band Clubs have refreshed school life for a lot of our children, and we wouldn't go without them now"

"We have invested in two Band Clubs for disadvantaged pupils, which seemed expensive at first, but now the cost is paying for itself. Those children are more engaged with school and mixing even more with their peers."

"Band Club performances are a highlight of the school year, and alongside Future Yard's lessons they have brought energy to our school and re-engaged parents and our community"

"We have seen an improvement in attendance, with music lessons and band clubs being the thing a lot of our children look forward to every week"



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