

## Application and course fees

To apply for a place on the Easter Course 2024, please complete the Application Form overleaf and send a scan of the completed form to:

[leading.notes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leading.notes@hotmail.co.uk)

Alternatively, please post a completed Application Form to the address below:

Leading Notes Easter Chamber Music Course 2024,  
Highbury, 74 Woodside Road, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 6AN



**Early Bird reduced course fee: £140**  
**Book by 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**  
to receive this discounted rate

Regular course fee: £160

**To avoid disappointment early application is strongly advised as the number of places is limited.**



## Course Information

### Course:

The Leading Notes Easter Chamber Music Course is a 3-day non-residential holiday course (*please bring a packed lunch*) for improving and advanced string players who play at Grade 4 standard or above.

### Dates:

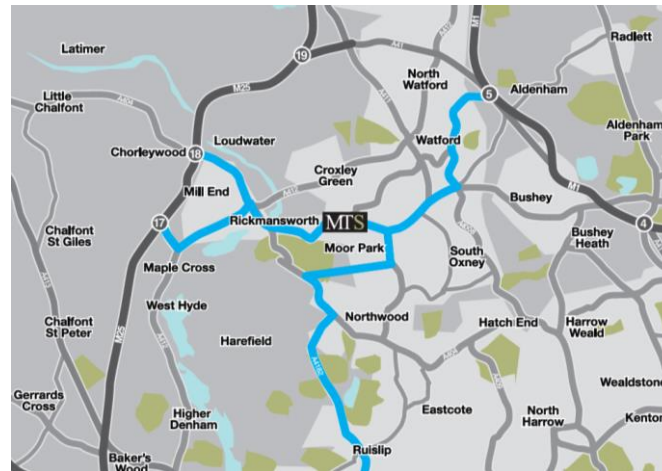
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Times:

Daily timetable 9.30am – 4.00pm  
Concert on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm  
(Concert in the Recital Hall, Merchant Taylors' School)

### Venue:

Merchant Taylors' School (Music Department),  
Sandy Lodge, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 2HT



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## About Leading Notes

**Leading Notes** was established in 2011 and is the brainchild of Simon Couldridge and Nicola Tait who were seeking ways to develop opportunities for young musicians in the area around Merchant Taylors' School to play chamber music.

Annual concerts in Ruislip and Harrow have featured performances by ensembles from Merchant Taylors', Harrow and St Helen's schools, as well as their teachers who are all experienced professional chamber musicians.

**The mission of Leading Notes is to bring the joy of playing chamber music to young people.**

### Leading Notes Chamber Music Courses

We aim to run two Chamber Music Courses each year. Each course offers high quality tuition from experienced professional tutors for talented young musicians as they develop their chamber music experience. Our courses offer improving as well as more advanced string players the opportunity to make new friends, play exciting music and be inspired by our wonderful tutors as they continue to learn how to play chamber music.

### What will I do?

Over three days you will develop your ensemble skills, studying works from the rich repertoire of string chamber music by great composers. You will explore, rehearse and perform works in chamber groups, receiving regular expert coaching and honing your leadership skills as chamber musicians. It all culminates in a concert on the final day of the course.

## Leading Notes Tutors



**Simon Couldridge** (viola) is Director of Music at Merchant Taylors' School. He studied at Trinity College of Music, London with Liz Turnbull

and has over 25 years' experience in conducting orchestras and coaching chamber music. He composes regularly for choirs and instrumental ensembles, and in recent years has enjoyed premieres of his work in venues including St John's, Smith Square; Southwark Cathedral; the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall; Symphony Hall, Birmingham; and St Paul's Cathedral.



**Nicola Tait** ('cello) combines 'cello teaching with a busy freelance career. She studied with Florence Hooton and Lionel Handy at the Royal Academy of Music, before continuing to study in Germany and Vienna as a Martin Musical Scholar with Johannes Goritzki, Arto Noras and William Pleeth in London. She has worked

regularly with the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, the Philharmonia, City of London Sinfonia and the London Symphony Orchestra; from 2001 to 2005 she was 'cellist of the Fitzwilliam String Quartet, with whom she performed and gave masterclasses worldwide.

**Additional professional chamber musicians are invited to coach ensembles as guest tutors on our courses.**

### Application form (please print clearly)

Pupil name (m/f)	
Parent/guardian	
Age on 01.04.2024	
Address	
Tel. no. (home)	
Tel. no. (mobile)	
Email	
Instrument	
Approx. standard	
Name of teacher	

Please make a payment for the full fees, upon application, to:

Leading Notes Music Limited  
Sort code: 09-01-28  
Account number: 68967771

Please add the reference **LN Easter 2024**

Please tick if you do **not** wish to be added to our electronic mailing list

**Many thanks, and we look forward to seeing you in April!**