

MAPAS Centre Code of Conduct

Developed in partnership with our young members

EVERYONE is welcome at the MAPAS Centre. We are here for the whole community of Salford, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

When we are at the MAPAS Centre, we:

- Welcome new members and show them kindness.
- Show respect (e.g. don't speak when other people are talking, pay attention, take turns). Respect works both ways and is shown by our members and our tutors.
- Are kind and help people if they are unsure.
- Are patient with people who are learning and might make mistakes.
- Use our words to support each other, not to insult or hurt each other.
- Can wear whatever we feel comfortable in. For concerts we might be asked to wear a certain colour but we can still choose to wear whatever we like in that colour.
- Practice what we are learning in between rehearsals.
- Are responsible for our own instrument, music and scripts and we come to our rehearsals prepared.
- Welcome feedback from our tutors so that we know how to improve.
- Work hard. We love what we do, and our tutors challenge our members, but always in a supportive and progressive way.
- Have fun! Members come to the centre by choice so we are a bit more relaxed than at school!

These are the behaviours we all show at the MAPAS Centre. To understand what it is really like here, below are some quotes from our members to explain a bit more!

What our members say:

- "There are no outsiders, we are inclusive of all"
- "It doesn't matter if you're different, you just have to be you!"
- "You don't have to be an expert to come to the MAPAS Centre, everyone is welcome"
- "We don't take ourselves too seriously!"
- "You don't have to be friends with everyone, but you do have to be friendly."
- "People should be excited to come, and happy when they are here."
- "Just have fun guys!"