

THE BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADE - LONDON MASSED BUGLE BAND DRUM INSTRUCTORS BASIC TRAINING COURSE

Objectives of the Course The Drum Instructors Basic Training Course is intended to provide instruction in how to teach basic drumming skills to boys and girls aged 9 years and over. *(Please note that whilst teaching children younger than 9 is possible, one of the major problems is motivating regular practice so that steady progress and a sense of achievement is attained. Drumming involves building up of muscle memory which is only achieved by regular daily practice and some small children have difficulty maintaining this and many lose interest after completing the Induction Course).* The Drum Instructors Basic Training Course is not intended to turn participants into competent drummers, but rather to impart a sound knowledge of what to teach, how to teach it and how to correct students' faults. Teaching to the highest standards required for top flight Drum Corps requires a lot of expertise on the part of the instructor and achieving that standard is certainly not possible by means of a one day course. However, it is perfectly possible for anyone to learn how to teach all the basic rudiments and techniques necessary for most BB and GB marching bands by following the simple techniques that will be demonstrated on the course. The course will involve demonstrations of how to teach novice young students and also will provide an opportunity for participants to try out what they have learnt on some experienced young drummers who will be acting out the role of improvers. The overall objective is to assist bands who lack expertise in teaching drumming skills and to help raise standards of playing.

Experience required of Participants None

Equipment to be brought by Participants A pair of drum sticks and if possible a practice pad. You may wish to bring some means of taking notes. No drums are needed.

Novice young students If you have one or more young boys or girls aged 9 years or over who you wish to start teaching as drummers then you may wish to bring them to the course so they can receive the Induction Course Lesson #1 from the Course Tutor as a demonstration of how it is done. We can only have a maximum of four children involved as it is impractical to group teach more than this number and they must be complete novices. Some further drumming related information and skills will be provided for them during the remainder of the day as well as other activities and games. The children should bring a pair of drum sticks and a practice pad if they have these, but some items – sticks, pads, drums, etc will be available for use on the day.

Items provided by Course Organisers Participants will be supplied with a master set of Students Notes, a set of Induction Course Weekly Practice Instructions, examples of the Induction Course Assessment Paper & Certificates, suggested "Drummers Badge" Grade 1, 2 and 3 Test Papers and copies of various drum beatings. These are intended to be kept and used for future copying and issue to your students.

Date Saturday 18 February 2012 10.00 am till 4.30 pm

Venue St Andrews Methodist Church, Merton Road, SLOUGH, SL1 1 QW

Cost £10.00 per adult participant for supply of teaching notes, a buffet lunch & refreshments. £8.00 per young student for ring binder, drumming notes and food.

Booking Return the booking form with payment to Ralph Chaplin, 45 Oatlands Drive, SLOUGH, SL1 3EH. by 06/02/12 . Cheques payable to "1st Slough Boys' Brigade".

Numbers There is a limit of 10 adult participant places and 4 young student places on this course. Further information from Ralph Chaplin 07860 239598 or 01753 521068.

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Course Tutor **Ralph Chaplin – Captain 1st Slough Boys' Brigade**

COURSE PROGRAMME

Time	Content	Duration
10.00 am	Arrival	15 minutes
10.15 am	Session 1 Welcome & Introduction, Aims of the Course Demonstration - How to teach novice young students The Drummers School Induction Course Lesson #1 Objectives, Promises, Stick Grips, Wrist Action First Rudiments - Single Strokes, Double Strokes, Bouncing Sticks Wrist Loosening Exercises, Practice Instructions	60 minutes
11.15 am	Refreshment Break	15 minutes
11.30 am	Session 2 Demonstration - How to teach Induction Course Lessons #2 to #6 Further Rudiments - Mama Dadda and Long Roll Build-up Paradiddles, 5 stroke Rolls, 9 Stroke Rolls, 17 Stroke (3 Pace) Rolls The 2/4 time counting system, Graded Sequence #1 Single Stroke Rolls, Triplets, Single Stroke Fours & Sevens Conducting the Induction Course Assessments	45 minutes
12.15 pm	Session 3 Practicals – An opportunity to practice teaching basic rudiments Course participants will be expected to teach one or more of the basic strokes and rudiments to other participants or to members of the assistant instructor team	45 minutes
1.00 pm	BUFFET LUNCH	60 minutes
2.00 pm	Session 4 Demonstration of typical Improvers Course Lessons Warm-ups and Rhythm Copy Teaching knowledge of Snare Drum Parts Teaching Simple Music Theory Teaching 6/8 time Beatings Demonstration of Drum Drill and Stick Drill Techniques Teaching the BB Drum Solos Making the lessons enjoyable	90 minutes
3.30 pm	Refreshment Break	15 minutes
3.45 pm	Session 5 Revision of Teaching Methods Questions and Discussion	45 minutes
4.30 pm	Departure	