

Schools Newsletter - September 2024

Fao: Headteacher and Music Lead

Dear Colleagues,

I hope the new academic year has started well for you and your school community.

West Sussex Music is excited that this September we begin a year-long collaboration with Create Music, the music hub for Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. West Sussex Music and Create Music have been appointed by Arts Council England to continue to lead music education across Sussex and deliver opportunities along with our partner organisations as part of a newly formed [Sussex Music Hub](#).

We're here to support your aspirations for music in your school. Our national music hub funding from the Department for Education enables many opportunities to be free of charge or highly subsidised with bespoke programmes and assistance still reasonably priced.

Opportunities for schools

We've updated the [schools' pages](#) on our website to make it even easier to find what's available. If you can't see what you need, please do get in touch with the [schools' team](#)

Singing

Sign up by **now** for two of our singing programmes kicking off this term:

- **Key Stage 1** [Little Big Sing](#) – our harvest-themed massed singing workshops for localities of schools is just **£50** per school. CPD launch session on 24 September 3:30-4:30pm [Sign up here](#)
- **Key Stage 3, 4, 5** [Sings Live!](#) – our **FREE** massed singing programme for secondary schools which includes two workshops with The Sixteen, and public performances at Worthing Assembly Hall and Christ's Hospital [Sign up here](#)

Orchestras Inc. Inclusive Ensemble

Orchestras Inc. is open to all children and young people with additional needs, including those attending special schools, those at mainstream schools or colleges with additional needs and those who are home schooled. No experience necessary and it's **FREE** to attend! Please promote this wonderful offer to your families. Sessions take place on Saturdays at Horsham Music Centre (21 Sept, 28 Sept, 5 Oct & 12 Oct) <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/orchestras-inc/>

Live music performances

We have the following opportunities provided by hub partners to put in your diary to enable your students to experience a live orchestral concert especially programmed for children & young people:

1. Friday 27 September - Worthing Symphony Orchestra @ Worthing Assembly Hall
 - 11am primary & SEND school groups [book here](#) **FREE**
 - 2pm primary & SEND school groups [book here](#) **FREE**
 - 6.30pm family taster concert [book here](#) **FREE**
2. Monday 14 October – *Il turco in Italia* Rossini @ Glyndebourne
 - 11am Year 5 upwards school groups [book here](#) **£8** per ticket
3. Tuesday 22 October - *Il turco in Italia* by Rossini @ Glyndebourne
 - 11am Year 5 upwards school groups [book here](#) **£8** per ticket

4. Saturday 2 November – English Touring Opera @ The Hawth, Crawley
- 1pm family performance of *The Wellies* Year R to Year 2 & SEND [book here](#)
 - 3pm family performance of *The Wellies* Year R to Year 2 & SEND [book here](#)
5. Tuesday 14 January – Southern Pro-Musica @ Chichester Festival Theatre ([jpg](#) / [pdf](#))
- 10.45am [book here](#) £5 per ticket
 - 1.30pm [book here](#) £5 per ticket

[Curriculum support and CPD](#)

We've launched a varied programme of **FREE** CPD opportunities [here](#) both online and in person. If you are looking for bespoke, in-school support or would like a visit to discuss developing music in your school please contact our [schools' team](#)

[Music Mark membership](#) **FREE**

Becoming a member of Music Mark provides a host of additional opportunities for CPD, resources, and networking. If you're interested in becoming a member or wish to renew your **free** membership for 2024-25, please [click here](#)

[Enrichment activities](#)

Explore opportunities to enrich your curriculum and support your extra-curricular music offer with our Time4Music service level agreement. We can provide specialists to run ensemble activities or lead workshops, and we also hire sets of instruments. Find out more [here](#)

[Classroom instrumental lessons \(CIL\)](#)

Book a specialist tutor and/or set of instruments to provide whole-classes with a first access instrumental lesson in curriculum time. We have a range of **free** and **subsidised** programmes that last one term or one year. Find out more [here](#)

[Instrumental lessons](#)

If you are looking to develop instrumental and vocal tuition in your school, we are here to help. Contact us on music@westsussexmusic.co.uk

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