



Dorset Music Hub Schools' Update - October 2023

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New Ofsted Music report released



In the last few weeks Ofsted has published a new subject report looking at how music is being taught in England's schools.

Some key points:

- 'Many schools, particularly at primary level, have taken important steps to make music more prominent in the curriculum.'
- 'Almost all primary school children had frequent opportunities to learn music in reception and music was taught weekly in key stage 1 and 2.'
- 'The strongest aspect of the curriculum in primary schools was teaching pupils to sing.'
- 'Those [schools] with stronger musical curriculums focused on teaching pupils to get better at music rather than just having them 'do' music.'
- 'Most senior leaders understood the critical role that extra-curricular music, both instrumental and vocal, played in complementing the curriculum.'
- 'Too many schools still do not give music enough time.'
- 'In just under half the schools visited, leaders had not made sure that pupils had enough time to learn the curriculum as planned by the school.'

[For more details, key recommendations and a link to the full report, please follow this link.](#)

Creative Careers Webinar for Secondary and Middle Schools



The National Plan for Music Education places a greater emphasis on supporting our young people to find out more about careers in the music and creative industries. UK Music are offering this webinar on 19th October at 10am.

This free online event will feature a video games composer, a music producer and a business leader, all working in their dream jobs across the music sector. We'll hear more about the types of roles that underpin this globally renowned sector and understand how people get into them, with advice on vocational pathways including apprenticeships.

[Online insight: Focus on Music - Creative Careers \(discovercreative.careers\)](#)

Book your place via the link – we hope you can engage with this opportunity (and look out for more from Dorset Music Hub as the year progresses!)

Local Support Networks for Music Subject Leaders



We're excited to announce that we can now offer an interactive online collaborative space for each of our hub areas hosted by Padlet.

These spaces are primarily for school Music Subject Leaders and are where we can share information specific to each locality. They also provide a space for peer support within each locality and are where you can make connections with other music education stakeholders in your area - including local instrumental musicians.

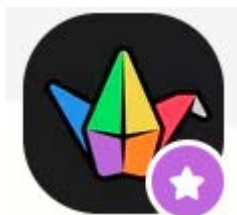
Follow the links below to access your area's Padlet page and start benefitting from this useful resource:

East – [East Dorset Music Leads \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com)

Purbeck and Chesil – [Purbeck and Chesil Music Leads \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com)

North - [North Dorset Music Leads \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com)

West - [West Dorset Music Leads \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com)



Our highly experienced Music Area Leaders - Hannah, Pili, Dianne and Pete - are there to support you and help you access support in your local area.



Don't miss out on your Autumn Term local area network meeting - it's happening very soon!

Purbeck area with Pili: 17th October 4.00pm-5.00pm

North Dorset area with Dianne: 17th October 3.45pm-4.45pm

West Dorset area with Hannah: 18th October 3.45pm-4.45pm

East Dorset area with Pete: 19th October 4.00pm-5.00pm

Chesil area with Pili: 19th October 4.00pm-5.00pm

[Follow this link to see the area network meeting dates for the Spring and Summer Terms](#)

Contact your Music Area Leader for more information - see email addresses further on

School Music Development Plans



Does your School Music Development Plan meet the expectations of the new National Plan for Music Education?

So that we can support you in ensuring that your school's Music Development Plan does meet the expectations of the new National Plan for Music Education, please share it via email with your local Music Area Leader:

North Dorset (Dianne Ely) - dianne.ely@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

East Dorset (Pete Whitmarsh) - peter.whitmarsh@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Purbeck, Lytchett and Chesil (Pili Lopez) - maria.araujolopez@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

West Dorset (Hannah Reeves) - hannah.reeves@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

If you haven't got very far with your plan yet - don't worry - our team would be very happy to meet with you to help you develop it further!

Music Hub Data Collection Survey



As you may know, it's time to complete the annual data return about your school's music provision for 2022-23. **The closing date for completion is Wednesday 1st November.**

We ask for this data on behalf of Arts Council England (ACE) who provide our hub's funding which then enables us to provide you, our schools, with heavily subsidised services. Therefore, we would very much appreciate your support in completing the survey for 2022-23, showing all the fantastic music provision that has been happening in our county's schools.

Follow this link for [more details about the information needed to complete the surveys and the links to the survey forms](#)

Create and Sing with the Royal Opera House



As mentioned in last month's update, we now have the details of this year's Royal Opera House offer for Dorset schools...

Join the Royal Opera House to celebrate creativity through opera!

Primary-aged pupils across Dorset are invited to take part for FREE in 'Create & Sing' inspired by Mozart's opera The Magic Flute.

***Create & Sing** (KS1&2) is an accessible approach that combines singing and drama to build pupils' self-expression, creative collaboration, performance confidence, voice, movement, and memory skills. It is part of the award-winning ROH National Schools Programme.*

There are 4 ways to get involved:

Teachers attend CPD Full day, certified, in-person training with ROH professionals. No familiarity with opera is needed. Suitable for class teachers and Music Leads.

17 January, 9am – 3pm at Charminster Community Hall [Book your FREE place](#)

Meet the Artists Introduce opera in a fun and accessible way by joining our interactive digital workshop from your classroom. Ask opera singers questions and explore their creative process (no pre-teaching necessary).

8 February or 20 May 10.45am – 11.45am

Create & Sing in your classroom Put our flexible 5 lesson teaching resources into practice. Use our detailed lesson plans and high-quality digital resources. [Explore resources](#)

Share & Celebrate!

Join ROH artists, and other schools across the country online to share your learning and celebrate your school's participation in Create & Sing.

28 March or 11 July 10.45am – 11.45am



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Highly Commended in the Teach Primary Awards, 2022

“When the Royal Opera House say that opera is for everyone, they really walk the talk. Clearly structured lesson plans with all supporting interactive material make using these resources a faff-free experience for teachers.” Teach Primary 2022 judging panel

[Find out more on the ROH website](#)

Hub membership - don't forget to renew!



Is your school benefiting from DMH membership?

To ensure your school can take full advantage of the many benefits of Dorset Music Hub (DMH) membership in the coming year - including training, CPD programmes, resources, Musicianship Programme delivery and so much more - renew your membership via the [Dorset Music Hub page on Nexus](#).

Musicianship Programme - extra classes



Have you booked more than one class onto the Musicianship Programme?

The standard whole-class Musicianship Programme, included as part of DMH membership, is for one class per school. If you have planned for more than one class to participate this year, you need to purchase additional classes (at £126 each) via the [Dorset Music Hub page on Nexus](#).

New confidence-building courses for school staff



*We are delighted to be offering **two new courses** this year to help support the school workforce in music delivery and build confidence in leading successful music lessons. Both courses will consist of one face-to-face half-day session each term. To secure your place, please make your booking by **Tuesday 17th October**.*

ECTs, classroom teachers & TAs - confidence in music delivery

The three sessions will be:

- Developing an understanding of the basics of music teaching - *Thursday 9th Nov, 13.30-16.00 @ The Colliton Club, County Hall, Dorchester.* [Follow this link to book.](#)
- How to use classroom instruments confidently (*Spring Term*)
- Using your voice in the primary classroom (*Summer Term*)



Music Subject Leads - confidence in leading music in your school

The three sessions will be:

- Understanding the role of MSL - *Thursday 16th Nov, 13.30-16.00 @ The Colliton Club, County Hall, Dorchester.* [Follow this link to book.](#)
- Progression of instrumental skills and knowledge in the primary curriculum (Spring Term)
- Progression of singing in the primary curriculum (Summer Term)



As well as the three face-to-face sessions provided in each course, participants will be part of a community of learning as well as benefiting from ongoing support from the Hub.

Due to the bespoke nature of these two courses, they are not included with hub membership and require an additional fee of £150 each. This fee covers all three parts of each course.

Count me in! A new approach to group music-making



Free online seminar with Dr Beth Pickard and *Live Music Now* - Wednesday 1st November, 4.00-5.30pm

Come along to the session to find out more about how this approach to ensemble music-making is accessible to ALL class teachers and ALL young learners.

Count Me In! is an engaging, practical set of classroom resources for making music inclusively with children and young people. This is a versatile framework that will support colleagues to increase their confidence, developing ensemble music-making in the primary classroom or co-curricular session. It will support class teachers to enable the full inclusion of all music-makers, including young learners with additional needs.

In the session, Dr Beth Pickard will present a practical introduction to *Count Me In!*, to enable teachers to start using the resources with their classes. Participants will learn:

- How to use the *Sounds of Intent* framework to assess the musical skills of your pupils
- How to use the *Count Me In!* approach to create a whole class ensemble in which every child plays a meaningful musical role based on their skills



[Reserve a place on the seminar](#)

October is Black History Month - celebrate through music



In recognition of their leadership, talent, and impact, this year's Black History Month highlights pioneering black women who have blazed a trail in literature, music, fashion, sport, business, hair, catering, academia, social and health care, and more.

Follow these links for resources to help you engage your students with this year's Black History Month:

- [Black History Month Listening Calendar from Music Mark](#)

- [Black History Month Songs For Kids](#) - free playlist from Spotify
 - [KIDZ BOP Celebrates Black History Month](#) - YouTube video playlist with information about each artist/song followed by the song performed by the KIDZ BOP cast
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