



Dorset Music Hub Schools' Update - September 2023

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Music Subject Leader staff changes



If your school has a new Music Subject Leader for 2023-24, please let us know their name and email address by emailing us at dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Music Subject Leader Network/CPD Meetings



Join our fantastic Music Area Leaders, Hannah, Pili, Dianne and Pete for regular network meetings with combined CPD throughout the year...



Please add your local sessions into your calendar...

Autumn Term:

- *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*

Spring Term:

- *Chesil area with Pili:* 6th February 4.00pm-5.00pm
- *West Dorset area with Hannah:* 8th February 3.45pm-4.45pm
- *North Dorset area with Dianne:* 8th February 3.45pm-4.45pm
- *Purbeck area with Pili:* 8th February 4.00pm-5.00pm
- *East Dorset area with Pete:* 8th February 4.00pm-5.00pm

Summer Term:

- *Purbeck area with Pili:* 21st May 4.00pm-5.00pm
- *West Dorset area with Hannah:* 21st May 3.45pm-4.45pm
- *North Dorset area with Dianne:* 21st May 3.45pm-4.45pm
- *Chesil area with Pili:* 23rd May 4.00pm-5.00pm
- *East Dorset area with Pete:* 23rd May 4.00pm-5.00pm

Look out for more details from our team via email

Music Hub Data Collection Survey



It will soon be time to complete the annual data return about your school's music provision for 2022-23. Please look out for our email over the coming weeks.

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.

Sing Up



Don't forget that we provide all Hub member schools with free access to [Sing Up!](#) Sing Up places singing at the heart of schools by providing teachers with the complete singing package through its online platform and resources.

Important messages about your Sing Up account:

- **If your school receives a subscription renewal notification from Sing Up, please ignore it.** The notifications are automated and, due to technical complexities, Sing Up cannot stop these being sent to your school. Please rest assured that DMH has paid for all member schools' renewals.
- **Even though DMH provides your Sing Up subscription, you can manage your school's account and its users. For more details, please visit Sing Up's [Frequently Asked Questions](#).**

"Sing Up is the most fantastic resource. I couldn't teach music in primary school without it!" Julia Chilver, Music Teacher

Charanga



All DMH member schools have free access to the excellent [Charanga](#) resource as part of membership.

- Charanga has week-by-week schemes of work with the option to create your own lessons.
- It has a customisable library of songs, ready-made lessons and resources with support for assessment and special educational needs.
- It also includes the Yu Studio music technology platform.
- Please contact us at dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk about any log-in queries.

Charanga mixed age group planning and teaching CPD for Dorset schools:

- Monday 13th November, 4.00pm-5.30pm
- Hybrid meeting: join us at County Hall, Dorchester or attend online
- Look out for an email from Charanga with more details and booking information - coming soon!

"Charanga Musical School has given my staff the confidence and the resources to deliver exciting music lessons. The children clearly enjoy the dynamic, fun and stimulating sessions and our teachers are learning valuable new skills." *Julie Brown, Headteacher*

Create and Sing with the Royal Opera House



The Royal Opera House is coming back to Dorset with a **free** offer for state-funded schools...

Made specifically for primary school teachers, it combines:

- **Practical CPD training** - designed to build your creative confidence to facilitate learning through the arts.
- **High quality, National Curriculum-linked learning resources** - offering detailed and flexible schemes of work.
- **Termly live and interactive digital events** - which connect your classes directly to the artists of the Royal Opera Company.

No previous experience of music or drama is needed to take part, making Create and Sing ideal for KS1 or KS2 classroom teachers, as well as Music or Drama subject leads.

Look out for more details in the coming weeks!

"It was a hugely enjoyable experience... the children developed their negotiation, organisational and communication skills. It gave them a unique insight into the world of opera." *Annie Mathlin, Music Subject Leader*

Benedetti Foundation - Dorset Residency



Dorset Music Hub is working in partnership with the [Benedetti Foundation](#) to offer a very special opportunity to a limited number of schools and string players from across our county this autumn.

The Benedetti Foundation was created by internationally acclaimed violinist Nicola Benedetti. The Residency Sessions provide a motivational opportunity for young people, instrumentalists and non-instrumentalists alike, and a source of support and uplift for teachers. During the residency, the Benedetti Foundation team will visit local schools to lead primary music workshops and host professional development sessions for primary classroom teachers and instrumental teachers, as well as delivering a Benedetti Sessions Strings Day.

- While we can only offer the school sessions to a limited number of schools, please look out for more information about the Strings Day as this is open to string players from across Dorset's schools.
- Wednesday 11th October: twilight CPD open to *all* Dorset school staff who are interested in delivering music in the classroom - more information to follow.
- As part of the residency, the Benedetti Foundation will also be offering a session for string and instrumental teachers.

Financial support for young musicians - Changing Key Dorset



Please share this information with your instrumentalists and their families...

The deadline for applications for funding awards available this term is approaching soon!

Our Hub partner charity, [Changing Key Dorset](#), offers funding awards for up to £300 per year to young musicians facing challenging circumstances.

Applications for funding from Changing Key Dorset are welcomed from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities provided by private or public providers and lasts for up to three consecutive academic terms.

Applications can be made online at anytime - however there are closing dates for each term.

The application deadline for grants beginning this term is Friday 15th September 2023

Other application window closing dates for 2023-24:

- **Spring Term 2024** closing date – Friday 1st December 2023

- **Summer Term 2024** closing date – Friday 1st March 2024

For more details about funding awards please visit the [funding application page](#) on the Changing Key Dorset website.

To become a supporter of Changing Key Dorset and to receive all the latest communications, please sign-up to the [mailing list](#).

Please visit the Changing Key Dorset website for more information: <https://changingkeydorset.co.uk/>

Creative Music Nurture Groups



An exciting new offer from Dorset Music Hub to help boost the resilience and confidence of your most vulnerable pupils.

After a successful pilot of Creative Musical Nurture Groups (CMNGs) last academic year in Weymouth, DMH is delighted that we can now expand this offer across the whole county.

A CMNG is a weekly creative, instrumental music session for 3-5 children in KS2 or KS3. Participants are identified by schools as being vulnerable and at risk of poor outcomes due to mental health, behaviour, or general confidence difficulties.

The CMNG provides a calm and nurturing environment where children can build their resilience and agency and develop a sense of belonging through music.

Each CMNG of 3-5 children has a cost of £400, based around 1 term's delivery - Dorset Music Hub will fund 25% of the cost. For advice on how to fund the remaining £300, [please contact your Education Challenge Lead at your local locality office](#).

If you have pupils who you think would benefit from a CMNG, please discuss this offer with your SENCo as they will need to be involved throughout the process.

For more information, and to express your interest in a CMNG for your school, please contact us at dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Bridport BoomBox Junior Music Club



West Dorset schools - please share this information with your instrumentalists and their families...

Bridport BoomBox Junior Music Clu.

Friendly and creative music club for young people aged 8 - 13 years to develop their musical skills and start creating and playing music together.

It is open to all young people whatever level they are on an instrument, including beginners. They will have the chance to try out instruments, learn through musical activities and games, create their own original tracks and songs, and play lots of styles of music together.

Join us on Wednesday afternoons at The Sir John Colfox School, Bridport from 3.45pm-5.00pm in term time.

Free taster session, bursaries and free places available.

Please contact info@bsharp.org.uk 07947 334 138 to sign up or for more information.

Alternatively all details, how to book etc, can be found by following this link: <https://bsharp.org.uk/weekly-music/bridport-boombox/> or by going to the [Bridport Boombox Facebook page](#).



BRIDPORT BOOMBOX JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB

- Friendly and creative music club for children age 8- 13 to develop their musical skills and start creating and playing music together
- Open to all young people whatever level they are on an instrument, including beginners

WEDNESDAYS 3.45 - 5.00PM
COLFOX SCHOOL,
BRIDPORT DT6 3DT

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