



## Update for schools – July 2014

### Ten Pieces

The BBC Learning project is focused this year on primary schools (secondary from September 2015). In response to the rewrite of the music National Curriculum the BBC is leading a nationwide programme exploring music history through ten pieces of classical music from the eighteenth century to a piece specially commissioned this year. The local launch took place at the Big Music Conference in June. As announced there schools can now book places for the free screening of a film at the Showcase Cinema, Reading. There is also a free screening in Bracknell but I believe all places have now been booked (by teachers who came to the Music Subject leaders meeting – it pays to be there!). You can find out far more about this exciting project and follow links to book the screening at: [www.bbc.co.uk/tenpieces](http://www.bbc.co.uk/tenpieces)

### Big Conference 2014

An excellent, inspiring conference was the general consensus amongst the 125 delegates attending. This cross phase event brought together music subject leaders from across the region. 37 delegates returned evaluation forms. On a five point scale 24 graded the key note address as outstanding and 13 as good. 26 delegates thought the first workshop outstanding, 9 good and 2 satisfactory. The second workshop was 23 outstanding, 11 good, 1 satisfactory, 2 unsatisfactory (not the same workshop!)

Overall comments were very positive. Most loved VOCES8, lunch was mostly good but not enough of it. We are already planning next year's conference as so many asked for this to be an annual event.

### Congratulations

To the Newbury Music Centre senior clarinet ensemble who have been invited to perform at the finals of the National Festival of Music for Youth at the Recital Hall in Birmingham on July 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a tremendous accolade. This stunning chamber

ensemble will be performing at least one composition from one of the music hub's young composers Thomas Carr.

### **Forthcoming events for school subject leaders**

The Royal Borough music network meeting is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at the Dedworth Middle School at 2-30. The Wokingham secondary music subject leaders meet at Maiden Erlegh School on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 4-00.

### **Music Audit**

I mentioned the audit of music in schools earlier. So far it is painting a very promising picture of music education across the county, identifying aspects that as a hub we need to attend to and is full of positive ideas as to future initiatives. Thank you so much to all who have responded. If you have not yet completed your audit we will continue to receive submissions until the conference itself where our plan will be revealed.



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