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SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our schools newsletter, we hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer! We are looking forward to making lots of exciting music again in schools this year! Please read on for all our exciting updates!



IN2MUSIC

We are so excited to launch our new In2Music programme for 2021/22! In addition to taking their very first steps in learning a musical instrument, students across the county will be working on Arts Award Discover. We are also really excited that Double Bass teacher and composer Joe Cowie has produced music and backing tracks for all In2Music projects. These will be available for your students to access at home and at school, enabling them to practise between lessons. Further details will be with you very soon! If your school has not yet signed up for In2Music, do get in touch with Russell or Emma to discuss your needs. We still have availability for some instruments.



JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVALS

Our Junior Music Festivals are back! It was so wonderful to meet with our Reading primary music teachers in July and sing together. This year our JMF is on the theme of change for the good, and will include songs about climate and the environment. As well as singing, there will be opportunities for creative writing and making and playing junk percussion. Our Reading JMF area rehearsals are taking place in October and November. This event is now full, but do look out for JMFs in other areas – please check our [calendar](#) for further details.



MUSIC NETWORK MEETING

We are so excited to launch our first whole county network meeting which will take place on **Tuesday 28th September** from 4 – 5pm via ZOOM. We will be discussing the role of the music hub and the recent Ofsted Evidence Review for Music. There will be lots of opportunity to interact and contribute using your mobile phone! Suitable for music teachers and subject leaders at all key stages. Please register for the network meeting [here](#) in order to receive a useful summary of the evidence review and the zoom log in.

CHARANGA TRAINING

Charanga are launching their new scheme of work for the model music curriculum this September. In order to get an overview of this alternative scheme, please join Timothy Bond for an on line training session on **Monday 13th September**. Click [here](#) to register.

Timothy is also hosting a face to face training session at our head office, Stoneham Court, Tilehurst, on **Monday 4th October**. This is an introduction to the standard 'Musical School' scheme of work, with a brief look at the alternative Model Curriculum training. You can register for this session [here](#).

All other Charanga training sessions are listed on our calendar [here](#).



BURSARY FOR WEST BERKS STUDENTS



We are delighted that the Greenham Trust Music Bursary will be continuing until July 2023. This bursary supports the cost of Berkshire Maestros music lessons for young people attending West Berkshire primary schools. To be eligible for this bursary, the child/family must fit the following criteria:

- attend a West Berkshire Primary school
- not be in receipt of Pupil Premium
- have an annual gross household income of no more than £46,800 pa or £3,900 per month

If you are aware of students in your schools that would benefit from this financial support, please email us at gtbursary@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

SAMPLING FROM OLD TO NEW

KS3 TEACHER CPD

FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 4-6PM
STONEHAM COURT, READING

Join Emma Stoffer and Craig Tutton for this interactive and practical twilight session. The session will look at the basics of Garage Band, how to sample and how to create new music around your chosen sample. We will also look at what makes a good sample, and track some samples through the decades. I pads will be provided for the use of all delegates.

Only £15 per teacher. To register for this session, please click [here](#).



MUSIC MARK MEMBERSHIP

Coming Soon...

Music Mark Schools Members are invited to attend a free webinar presented by Ofsted's National Lead for Music, Mark Phillips HMI.

Monday 4th October, 3:30pm - 5pm

Full details and booking [here](#).

We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading about the activities Berkshire Maestros is offering to help you bring music back into your school. If you have any feedback for us please email marketing@berkshiremaestros.org.uk - we would love to hear from you!