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SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our schools newsletter. We hope this will give you some ideas of how you can continue delivering music education during a further national lockdown, keeping the joy of music alive for the children in your school.



Introducing Russell Jackson

I am delighted to be supporting schools in Bracknell, Wokingham and RBWM to deliver an inspiring musical education to children. I studied Trumpet at the Royal Northern College of Music and while working as a freelance musician and teacher I developed a passion for music education. I've worked in many schools and settings, teaching whole classes, ensembles, small groups and individuals across Berkshire, Hounslow, Ealing and Tower Hamlets. I've experienced first-hand the power of music and am dedicated to helping others discover music for themselves. I love hearing about the music that goes on in schools and am always willing to share ideas. Do get in touch! russelljackson@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

SINGING VIDEO LESSONS

We LOVED the opportunity to get schools singing again last term – we hope you enjoyed Katie and Bimbi's Christmas videos as much as we did? We really enjoyed the schools that shared their wonderful singing with us – thank you!

FREE

Singing is a fantastic way to encourage happiness and wellbeing for pupils and staff. We understand that this is an aspect of the curriculum that you may have been unable to deliver in school, however our innovative video singing lessons allow you to teach singing virtually, and in a way that keeps everyone safe and within current guidelines.

We have a further six weeks of singing sessions available this half term, totally free! Simply click below to access these.

[Click here](#)

Please contact us for more information about how your pupils can sing safely:

BimbiShaw-Cotterill@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

IN2MUSIC IS GOING VIRTUAL!

Remote learning for music in primary schools

Many of our primary schools were expecting face to face whole class instrumental tuition to start this term. Sadly this is not possible, but our teachers are busy recording interactive body percussion sessions and performances and creating home learning tasks for your students.

These sessions will include the following aspects of the national curriculum:

- play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music
- appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music

The first session is available free [HERE](#), and is suitable for KS2

FREE

GRADE 5 THEORY COURSE

Our highly successful Grade 5 theory course is running again this April. This course is ideal for any of your students planning to take Grades 6 to 8 in practical exams with ABRSM, or who are studying GCSE or A Level music.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



FOCUS ON SOUND

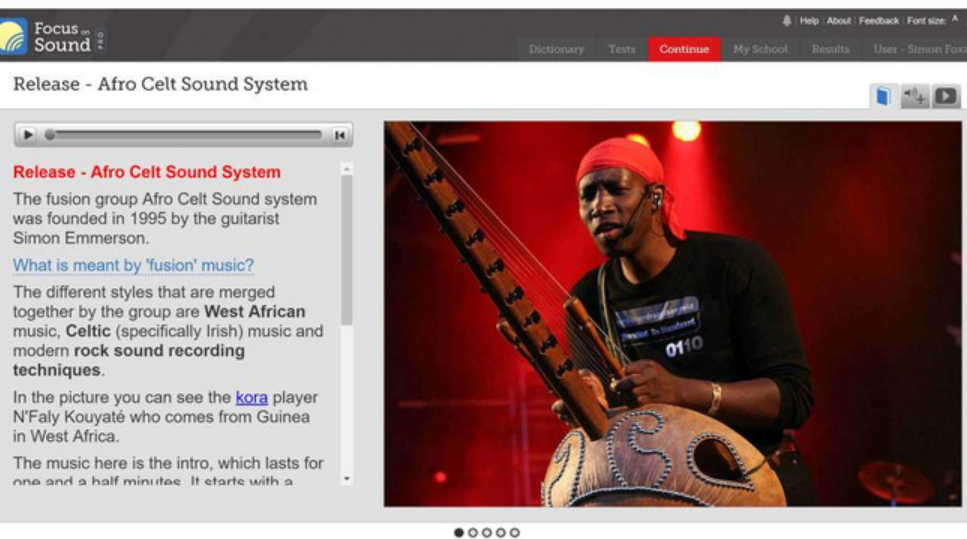
Secondary schools hub partnership

For our secondary schools, the focus is currently very much on online learning.

We would recommend Focus on Sound as a great way to help you deliver this – it offers online resources to support pupils in learning a whole range of music skills, and is available across multiple devices. Teachers can also set and create their own custom material. The UK version supports teaching from KS3 to A Level and includes coverage of GCSE set works and topics.

We are able to offer unlimited pro licenses for the discounted price of £350 (+VAT). This gives every student in your school their own log in details.

If you already have a license and would like to upgrade, we can organise this. More information can be found [HERE](#), or contact Russell at russelljackson@berkshiremaestros.org.uk



EARLY YEARS VIDEOS

Did you enjoy Danielle's Mini Maestros videos during the first lockdown? If so, you are in for a treat! Danielle has recorded a FREE 30 minute singing session all about the seaside and under the sea! This session includes aspects of the following Early Learning Goals:

- Children listen attentively in a range of situations
- Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements
- Children are confident about trying new activities
- Children count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number

Click [HERE](#) to sing about under the sea! And don't forget to check back for more themed Early Years music coming soon!

CHARANGA

If your school is short on time, or needs a complete scheme of work for music, Charanga might be a good solution for you. It provides teachers with week-by-week lessons for each year group in primary schools and includes lesson plans, assessment, clear progression, and YUMU to set home learning for all your pupils. You can sign up for a free 30 day trial at charanga.com

You can also attend a FREE training session on 2 February at 4pm to 5pm

Webinar: Student Access - Ready, Steady, Go! Using Yumu

To attend, simply register [HERE](#).





ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

FREE

We've curated some of the best FREE sites to help you plan online learning for your pupils

PRIMARY

[Berkshire Maestros](#) - lots of music resources including daily 'Wake Up and Sing' voice workouts

[BBC Bring The Noise \(EY\)](#) - EYFS/KS1 songs and curriculum resources

[BBC Bitesize](#) - curriculum resources

[BBC Ten Pieces](#) - curriculum lessons for home learning

[Sing Up](#) - singing (some free resources)

[Out Of The Ark](#) - singing (some free resources)

[Portsmouth Music Hub Song Source](#) - singing

[Rhinegold Education](#) - curriculum lessons for home learning

[Leicestershire Music Hub](#) - music technology resources for home learning

[Birmingham Contemporary Music Group](#) - curriculum resources

[NMPAT](#) - curriculum resources

[Voices Foundation](#) - singing

[Durham Music](#) - singing and curriculum videos

[Oak Academy](#) - curriculum lessons for home learning

[Beat Goes On](#) - body percussion

SECONDARY

[Berkshire Maestros](#) - lots of music resources including daily 'Wake Up and Sing' voice workouts

[BBC Ten Pieces](#) - curriculum resources

[Portsmouth Music Hub Song Source](#) - singing

[Rhinegold Education](#) - curriculum lessons for home learning

[Leicestershire Music Hub](#) - music technology resources for home learning

[Birmingham Contemporary Music Group](#) - curriculum resources

[NMPAT](#) - curriculum resources

[Oak Academy](#) - curriculum lessons for home learning

[Band Lab](#) - music technology song writing course

[Beat Goes On](#) - body percussion

[Soundtrap](#) - music technology (currently free)

We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading about how Berkshire Maestros can help you to deliver music education to your pupils during these challenging times. If you have any feedback for us please email marketing@berkshiremaestros.org.uk - we would love to hear from you!

