Secondaries Newsletter
Spring Term 2023

As we enter another busy season – this time gearing up for completing and moderating coursework, it has been really inspiring to visit so many different music departments across Leicester and Leicestershire; thank you for your hospitality! It has also been a timely reminder that being connected is a valuable form of CPD in itself – watch out for our *Sharing Good Practice for Secondaries* series which facilitates opportunities to visit other music departments.

Don't forget that Lucy and I are both available to visit schools, for free, on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please get in touch via email with Lucy (**lucy.mitcham@leics.gov.uk**) or with myself (**liz.olner@leics.gov.uk**) to make arrangements.

Let's keep raising each other up because we all do something well! We hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,
Liz Olner

Updates

1. New Quality Mark Schools.
Congratulations to our secondaries achieving Quality Mark status!
Lutterworth College – Silver (Music Lead: Steve Shilton)

If you would like Music Quality Mark accreditation for music provision in your setting, then please read more about it **on our website** and either email Liz or Lucy or complete the form on the webpage to arrange a visit. It is a free and supportive tool which feeds into your department development plan.

2. Instrument Hire. Reminder - instrument hire fees for schools were reviewed to have a simplified fee structure and reduced fees for bulk hires. You can view the fees and request instruments by filling in **this form.**

3. Teaching Gadget X LM Collab. Watch this space! We are working with Elliott at Teaching Gadget to develop a fantastic offer for our secondary school network. **Take a look at his website here.**

4. Online Educator Toolkits Update. I'm really pleased to share that, alongside the free **Singing Toolkit**, the free **Secondary Educator Toolkit** has been updated. We are still editing and adding resources to the website; if you have any feedback regarding web content for Secondary Schools then please contact **liz.olner@leics.gov.uk**

Upcoming CPD Opportunities

1. Sharing Good Practice for Secondaries. Free. Thank you for the positive feedback surrounding the inaugural session of our Sharing Good Practice for Secondaries series (*KS3 Dictation at The Winstanley School*). I am delighted to share details of the next session:

KS3 Video Feedback in Action: 9.00am-11.15am on 26th April 2023 at Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough. **Book here** to observe video feedback in action with Nick Hughes and Lucy Wass.

There is space in the CPD calendar to add more sessions in March, May and June. If this is something with which you would like to get involved, then please contact **liz.olner@leics.gov.uk** as soon as possible to make arrangements.

2. Leicestershire Music Secondary Network Meetings. Free. The Spring term network meetings will be held at English Martyrs (6th March starting at 4:00pm), Longfield Spencer Academy (22nd March starting at 3.45pm) and The Ashby School (21st March starting at 4:00pm). No need to book; just turn up. Please contact Lucy for more information or to become a host school in your area: **lucy.mitcham@leics.gov.uk**

3. Music & Drama Education Expo. 23rd-24th February 2023 in London. Free. Europe's largest conference and exhibition for music and drama education. Free to attend but make sure you register in advance to secure a ticket! The MDEE has a large range of free CPD sessions and trade stands. **More information is available here.**

4. Music Mark Teach Meets (Online) on 7th March 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm. Free. Classroom and instrumental music teachers online discussion group provides a platform for sharing experiences, advice, and exploring the latest trends and challenges in music education. **More information is available here.**

5. ISM Writing a Music Development Plan (Online) on 9th March 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm. Free. It will refer to the recommendation in the National Plan for Music Education (NPME) that every school in England (including multi-academy trusts) should have a Music Development Plan in place by September 2023, that 'captures the curricular and co-curricular offer and sets out how it will be staffed and funded'. **More information is available here.**

6. Ofsted Update on Music in Schools (Online) on 13th March 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm. Free. Join Ofsted's Christopher Stevens, HMI National Lead for Music as he returns to speak with Music Mark. After Christopher's presentation, you'll have a chance to ask him your burning questions. **More information is available here.**

7. Music Teachers Association Conference at Loughborough Schools Foundation 12th-14th May 2023. Membership fee plus cost of day/weekend ticket. A full and well-curated programme for music ed CPD and trade stands on our doorstep. This is open to MTA members in state and independent schools to attend (joining details on website). **More information is available here.**

8. SEND and AP CPD (Online – various dates). Free. *MEHEM Uprising!* has a series of free online twilight training sessions for specialist SEND and AP music educators to dip into. **More information is available here.**

Online Free Resources

1. EDI podcast recommendation from **Leicester**shire Music's EDI Champion: *Losar - New year in Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan*. **Listen via Spotify here**.

2. Explore Diversity in Music Education: Music Mark X Why Music Sessions. Recordings and resources from online sessions curated by Nate Holder of Why Music. These explore rap, hip hop, blues, steel pan, grime, jazz and much more. **More information available here.**

3. National Open Youth Orchestra Diversity Report. The NOYO have published a report about their journey towards creating a more diverse and inclusive orchestra. This is an informative read and links to adaptive teaching strategies in the classroom. **Read the report online here**.

4. Composition resource: Song cycles. The English Folk Dance & Song Society have shared a resource for KS3-4 based on creating new song cycles from traditional songs which can link to your school's singing strategy. **Free resources and more information are available here**.

5. ABRSM Classroom 200. Explore a catalogue of 200 tracks and access lesson plans that link to the KS1-KS3 National Music Curriculum with ABRSM's free resource, Classroom. You will need to **create a free login** in order to access it.

Leicestershire **Music - Authentic Experiences in Progress**

1. Royal Birmingham Conservatoire & Leicestershire **Music Secondary Schools Ensemble Development Programme.** Registration has closed and collaboration between the RBC and Leicestershire schools has begun! Teachers have met online with Jeremy and Richard from the RBC to establish the project aims and solve a few initial logistics. The ensembles will shortly begin rehearsing bespoke pieces arranged by Jeremy and Richard in schools.

2. Leics Sing Day! Our key stage 3 singing project with ***Sons of Pitches*** is officially full and has a waiting list! Thank you for supporting this project. **More information is available here.**

Authentic Experiences Coming Up

1. Cello Gym led by the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Friday 24th March 6:00pm-9:00pm at Beauchamp City Sixth Form. Session for young cellists from grade 2 up to diploma level. Cellists do not need to be current LM ensemble members. **More information is available here.**

2. Youth Voice. We were proud to host the first of this year's Youth Voice events, which took place on 30th January 2023 at the National Space Centre, Leicester. This was a chance to meet other young people and professional musicians working in the industry. We heard what young people have to say and are taking their views as guidance into our future. **More information is available here.**

3. Leicester International Music Festival Lunchtime Concerts 2022-23. Please follow **this link** to this year's lunchtime concerts programme taking place at Leicester Museum on New Walk in Leicester. The standard of musicianship is high, and the organisers are welcoming to school groups. These concerts are not associated with **Leicester**shire Music but are too good to be kept a secret!

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