



Hello and Happy 2024!

Spring Term 2024

Hello everyone, I hope that all of your performances, coursework deadlines for our BTEC colleagues, carol concerts, school shows, etc. went well last term and that you had a well deserved restful break. Happy New year! Also a big thank you to all of those schools who have hosted visits from me/Sarah so far this year, we have enjoyed working with you all. We have also enjoyed attending events, networks and shows you are hosting – so keep the invites coming as we love to support you. Also welcome/congratulations to those who have started new positions in schools this term. This term's newsletter is very jampacked with opportunities for you and your students. If you have any items you would like to add, please let me know and I will add them to the next one. Happy reading! [Michaela](#) – Secondary Schools Team Leader.

CPD and Networking Opportunities

Save the Date – Music Educators Conference – Weds 26th June

We now have confirmation that our music educators conference will be on **Wednesday 26th June 2024** and will be held at **County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8RA**. We are currently working behind the scenes to book and provide high quality CPD, and already confirmed are Anthony Anderson (Curriculum), Emily Barden (Composition & Singing), Tim Clay (Music Tech CPD) and Mr Shay (Beatboxing & Composition). There will be special discounts on our resources and services in 2024/25 for those attending the conference so watch this space!

Spring and Summer Term Network Meetings – Book Now!

Thank you to those who attended the autumn network meetings – it was great to see you all. Also thank you to those who have booked onto the network meetings for the remainder of the school year. If you would like to attend, please book at the following links:

[Spring Term Online](#) – Tuesday 13th February 3:30–4:30pm via Zoom

[Summer Term Face to Face](#) – Monday 10th June 1:00–3:00pm, Christ our King Infant Site

[Summer Term Online](#) – Monday 10th June 3:30–4:30pm via Zoom

Next academic year's network meeting dates will be confirmed in the summer newsletter. Each network meeting will have some CPD or training involved based on feedback from schools and will be confirmed nearer the time.



MEHEM – FREE HMI Lead for Music webinar on 'striking the right note' subject review – Wednesday 13th March 4:00–5:00pm

MEHEM (Music Education Hubs of East Midlands) have organised a webinar and Q and A session with HMI National Lead for Music Christopher Stevens on the 'striking the right note' music subject review. I highly recommend attending if you can. This is free for all schools in Leicestershire and will be held on zoom. To book your place and submit questions for him please click [here](#).

Developing Quality Awards, 121 Consultations & Observations

We have recently developed the **Quality Mark** programme and we are now taking requests to complete this process with schools. To find out more information and to book, please click [here](#). We are also available to come visit your school or meet via teams/zoom to complete a **121 Consultation or review**. To request a **121 Consultation**, please click [here](#). We are also available to visit and observe lessons to give subject specific feedback or advise on specific areas. To arrange this, please contact [Michaela](#).

Lead Schools for Music – Application Process

In response to the National Plan for Music, **Leicestershire Music** is looking to broaden their work with schools by developing a Lead Schools for Music opportunity. The Lead Schools would work in partnership with **Leicestershire Music** to develop support that all schools could engage with, including coverage of the Curriculum, Co-curricular and extra-curricular in music. Being keen to ensure that the Lead Schools reflect the needs of all the schools we work with, we are looking to appoint Primary, Secondary and Special schools, both in Leicester City and Leicestershire. If you would like to find out more, whether you are interested in applying to become a Lead school or you would like to share your views on what a Lead School should look like, then join us at one of the two Lead School information meetings we are holding. To book your place Click [here](#)

Resources and Instrument Hire

Instrument Hire

There is now a simple process to request instrument hire for Secondary Schools. To request a hire of instruments, please click [here](#). If the instrument(s) you require are not listed, please email [Michaela](#) who will be able to assist you.

Secondary Teacher's Toolkit

This toolkit is regularly updated with national guidance and free resources. To access resources via our website, please click [here](#).

Teaching Gadget Offer and Congratulations

It was great to see so many of our schools (teachers and students) on the Leader boards for the competition in the autumn term. Special shout outs to De Lisle, South Wigston, Lutterworth High School, Lutterworth College, Brookvale Groby, South Charnwood High School and John Ferneley for getting involved. We still have a few schools licenses available. To subscribe to this discounted offer & for more information, please email [Michaela](#) who can get this sorted. Who knows, when the next competition comes around, you might win a prize for your student/school!



Singing Updates

New Opportunity for Young People: Leics Sing Intensive! SHOW CHOIR

Performance at De Montfort Hall, Thursday 25th April with rehearsal dates throughout March and April.

If you are aged between 12 – 21 and have an interest in Musical Theatre, this group is for you. There is a focus on improving vocal skills, expanding known repertoire to cover both modern musical theatre and legit style singing. You will meet other young people with the same passion, and learn from professionals who have worked in the industry in the West End. For more information and to join/book, please click [here](#)



Coming Soon - KS3 Singing Day December 2024

After the success of the KS3 Singing Event of this year, we are working with Emily Bardon to bring this event in December 2024. More booking information will be available soon.

Consultations

If you would like specific support with a singing strategy within your school, resources or bespoke projects, please contact [Simon](#) (Our Singing Leader who specialising in secondary singing)

FREE Singing Toolkit - with brand new resource *Riptide!*

On our website, we have now added a variety of singing resources for free specifically for secondary schools. Each of these have the backing track, individual part tracks and full track, along with sheet music / lyrics. To access these new & free resources, please click [here](#).

Teacher's Choir

The Teacher's Choir had their first performance of the academic year at John Lewis last term and it was great fun! We have a full academic year of planned activities and we would love for you to be involved! For more information and rehearsal/performance dates, please click [here](#).

No need to book, you can just turn up!



Music Technology Updates

Music Tech Projects availability - including Turntablism

It is great to see our Tech Schemes being so popular in schools. There are limited Turntablism and Singing/Beatboxing spaces available in the Summer term and we will be taking bookings for next academic year soon. For more information and to book, please click [here](#) or email [Tim Clay](#), our Team Leader for Music Tech.

Hull University x TIME x LM Cubase DAW Unit Pilot

In partnership with Hull University and TIME, **Leicestershire Music** proudly present an exciting new pilot offer for Secondary Schools. The Cubase Unit offers KS3 students the skills and tools needed to act as both Artist and Producer in this brand new Music Technology Unit, focussing on producing music using a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation) - Schools will need to have a working version of Cubase installed on their laptops/computers to run this free pilot.

Please email [Tim Clay](#) if you are interested in running this 10-week unit in the Summer Term.

Upcoming Events/Performances/Opportunities

Open Mic Nights @ The Big Difference

Monday 4th March 2024 & Monday 1st July 2024, 7:00 - 9:30pm

Following the success of these last year, we now have Open Mic nights planned this academic year for young people aged 13 - 18 to perform any genre and any ability, covers or original songs. To sign up or for more information, send your young people to the link to book [here](#) or contact our Youth Voice Lead - [Craig Thurlow](#)

Space Scratch Symphony

World Premiere - Tuesday 25th June 2024

This worlds first project will be making its premiere at De Montfort Hall and will feature lots of young people from Leicestershire working with professionals. The performance will feature young turntablists as well as an orchestra performing a first of-its-kind, Scratch Symphony.

Tickets will be available in April, but if you would like to take a larger group of students, email [Michaela](#) and she will enquire about a larger group discount on tickets. More information to come soon!



Leics Make Music Festival - Tuesday 23rd - Thurs 25th April 2024

Our three day festival working with schools, partnerships and ensembles is coming very soon and it would be great to have you there to watch - to purchase tickets for the evening performances, please click [here](#).



Groups and Ensembles

Don't forget to signpost your students to our after school/weekend groups - we have a group finder which filters by instrument and ability on our website for you to view [here](#).

Tell us what's going well in your schools

This newsletter is to celebrate success too - tell us about your concerts, shows, music lessons, musical opportunities and anything happening in your school! Email [Michaela](#) and she will mention in the next one.

Social Media

Please give us a follow on [Facebook](#), [Linkedin](#), [Twitter/X](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [Youtube](#)!

Any music making you want to share, please tag us using [@leicsmakemusic](#) and we can share/retweet.

We also have a Teachers Facebook group for Leicestershire - you can join [here](#).



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