

School Music Bulletin - Issue 3

Top Tip:

"Building Student Leadership in Music

Empower your students by introducing Music Manager roles within your school. These positions—similar to senior prefects—come with clear job descriptions, an application process, and visible responsibilities like managing the noticeboard or Google Classroom. Adding perks such as badges or small privileges not only motivates students but also creates a sense of ownership and pride in the music department. This approach benefits staff too, as it helps share the workload and fosters a collaborative, student-led environment."

Lindsay Creak

After over 25 years of teaching experience as a Head of Music, Lindsay worked with a range of students, a range of staff and a range of qualifications. She is a real advocate for choral singing as it's free and can engage so many and as a result, have around 10% of 1200 students singing weekly in one of their choirs. As well as being an accompanist and viola player, she is also heavily involved with Music vocational qualifications in the UK which she absolutely love being part of! To her, and her team, music is about being part of a team, a team who are the window to the school and beyond.

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Upcoming Events

You're Invited: Music Meet & Mingle – An Evening to Connect

Date: Tuesday, 16th December 2025

Time: 5 – 7 pm

Location: Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts, Birchwood Avenue, Hatfield, AL10 0PS

What to Bring: Your favourite drink and nibbles

RSVP: Please reply by completing: [Music Meet & Mingle – Fill in form](#)

Networking for Primary Generalist Teachers Leading Music

11th Feb, 3.30-4.30pm, Online

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Hosted by: Grace Hawksbee – Primary Generalist Teacher Leading Music

This session is designed for primary school teachers who teach across multiple subjects and take on the responsibility of leading music without formal specialist training. The aim is to create a supportive space for sharing experiences, challenges, and practical strategies for delivering engaging music lessons.

What to Expect:

Networking: Connect with other teachers in similar roles.

Resource Sharing: Explore ideas, tools, and approaches that make music teaching more accessible and enjoyable.

Confidence Building: Learn tips to feel more comfortable and effective when leading music in your classroom.

Discussion: Identify common challenges and brainstorm solutions together.

Why Attend:

Whether you're looking for inspiration, practical advice, or simply a community of peers who are in a similar position to you and understand your unique role, this meeting is an opportunity to collaborate and grow.

Lead Schools for Music

Have a Question for a Lead School?

If you would like to:

- Ask a question
- Arrange a face-to-face or online meeting
- Schedule a phone call
- Organise a school visit

...with one of our [Lead Schools for Music](#), simply complete the **Request Form**. Once submitted, the Lead School will contact you directly to arrange the next steps.

Complete the Request Form [Lead School Contact Form – Fill in form](#)

Spring 2026 CPD & Networking Events

We warmly invite all music educators across Hertfordshire to take part in any of our sessions. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish, and there is no limit on the number of staff members from your school who may join—everyone is encouraged to get involved.

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Topic	Booking Link
4 Feb	3:45 - 4:45 PM	SEND Music Network	Online	Joint schools' concerts planning, Sound Sensations Update	SEND Music Network (2) – Fill in form
11 Feb	3.30- 4.30pm	Primary Network	Online	Networking opportunity for Generalist primary teacher leading music	Networking for Primary Generalist Teachers Leading Music – Fill in form
24 Feb	4:00 - 5:00 PM	EYFS Music Network	Online	Musical skills & language development	Early Years Music Network (2) – Fill in form
4 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Secondary Music Network Mid, South and West	Online	GCSE and KS4/5 Composition and moderation The future of A-Level Music	Mid, South and West Secondary Music Network (2) – Fill in form
4 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Secondary Music Network East	Online	Boys engagement with music	East Secondary Music Network (2) – Fill in form
17 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Primary Music Network East	Haileybury Turnford School	Practical session with rhythm work, notation and singing	East Primary Music Network (2) – Fill in form
18 Mar	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Primary Music Network North	The Priory School	Baseline continuation & starting ensembles	North Primary Music Network (2) – Fill in form
26 Mar	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	SEND Joint Music CPD	SouthField School	Music for Regulation in Mainstream and SEN settings	School Music CPD - SEND – Fill in form

Stay Connected

You can book a time to meet with our Head of Participation and School Music, using the Outlook function [Book time with Christina Luchies](#)

Wishing You a Joyful Holiday Season

Hertfordshire Lead Schools and Hertfordshire Music Service