

School Music Bulletin – Issue 16

We are pleased to present you with the latest edition of School Music Bulletin – Issue 16
We welcome any feedback that you may have in terms of content and format, so that we may ensure this communication remains helpful and enlightening. [School Music Bulletin](#)

Top Tip: Use music to build the foundations for learning

Music is a powerful way to strengthen the core skills children need to succeed in the classroom. When pupils sing, move, listen and play together, they are exercising attention and focus, working memory, self-regulation and flexible thinking – all in a joyful and highly motivating way. Musical activities also support language development, turn-taking and fine-motor control, directly aligning with Ofsted's Strong Foundations focus on self-regulation, communication and early cognition.

Ensure all your staff and parents understand investing in music is investing in learning readiness, wellbeing and long-term achievement – equipping children with the essential skills they need not just to access the curriculum, but to thrive within it.

Across every phase, music offers a practical, inclusive and engaging route to building the executive-function skills that underpin learning, behaviour and success.

Give your staff, students and parents a voice

Our **Have Your Say surveys** are now live and open to schools, families and young people. This is a valuable opportunity to share views, experiences and ideas that will help shape the future of music education in Hertfordshire.

- www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-youth-feedback
- www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-parent-feedback
- www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-school-feedback

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and encourage your students and parents to do the same. Every response helps us understand what's working well and where we can strengthen provision.

 **Have your say** and help influence what comes next for music education in Hertfordshire.

HMS Sing Up Digital Choir – now live!

We are delighted to share that the **Hertfordshire Music Service Sing Up Digital Choir** is now live. This exciting project has brought together young voices from across Hertfordshire in a vibrant celebration of music, creativity and collaboration.

Seeing so many pupils united through song has been a powerful reminder of music's ability to build confidence, foster connections and create lasting shared experiences.

A huge thank you to all the schools, teachers and staff who took part and supported this wonderful project. Your enthusiasm and commitment have been key to its success.

Interested in taking part next year?

Schools who would like to be involved in future Sing Up Digital Choir projects are warmly encouraged to get in touch with Christina to find out more and register their interest.

<https://youtu.be/aOl4milOa-E?si=vx5R9JuxZWqf9M1e>



Lead Schools for Music – Support Available

Would you like to:

- Ask a question
- Arrange a face-to-face or online meeting

- Schedule a phone call
- Organise a school visit

You can connect with one of our **Lead Schools for Music** by completing the request form below. The Lead School will contact you directly to arrange next steps.

 **Lead School Contact Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/k3MsZFayS4>

Upcoming Networking and CPD events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Topic	Booking Link
12 May	4:00 - 5:00 PM	EYFS Music Network	Woolenwick primary School	Creating inclusive & inspiring music environments	Early Years Music Network – Fill in form
14 May	3:45 - 4:45 PM	SEND Music Network	Online	Cross-curricular links with music, concert updates	SEND Music Network – Fill in form
2 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Mid, South & West Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network	Watford Boys School	Transition	Mid South & West Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network – Fill in form
4 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	East Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network	Richard Hale School	Transition	East Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network – Fill in form
11 Jun	4:00 - 5:00 PM	North Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network	The Priory School	Transition and Local community engagement	North Joint Primary & Secondary Music Network – Fill in form

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Authored by Schools: Hertfordshire Music Newsletter – Call for Summer Entries

Share your practice this summer

Schools are invited to contribute to the **Authored by Schools – Summer Newsletter**, our platform for sharing ideas, projects and best practice in music education across Hertfordshire.

Entries might include a music project, rehearsal approach, pupil voice, partnership work or a short reflection on what has worked particularly well this year.

 Submission deadline: 1 July

Please email Christina.Luchies@hertfordshire.gov.uk directly with your contribution by the deadline. We look forward to showcasing and celebrating the breadth and impact of music education across Hertfordshire.

This first Spring Issue 2026 included contributions from:

Haileybury Turnford, St Albans Girls School, The Sele School, The Valley School, Brookland Junior School and Woolenwick Infant and Nursery School.

Read the full Authored by Schools: Hertfordshire Music Newsletter Spring 2026 [here](#).

Wider Opportunities

Sensory CPD Trailers - [Teacher CPD for Sensory \(PMLD\) Learners - RBO Schools: Create & Dance - YouTube](#)

[Teacher CPD for Sensory \(PMLD\) Learners - RBO Schools](#)

Sing, Dance & Design CPD Trailers -

[RBO Schools - A window into ...Create & Design teacher CPD - YouTube](#)

[RBO Schools - A window into ...Create & Dance teacher CPD - YouTube](#)

[RBO Schools - A window into ...Create & Sing teacher CPD - YouTube](#)

Summer Dance for Rights Event - [RBO Schools: Dance for Rights — Every Child. Every Move. - YouTube](#)

RBO Cultural Champions

Are you a teacher in Hertfordshire,
looking to enhance the arts, creativity and culture in your school?



Registration is now open for Cultural Champions 26/27.

Cultural Champions is RBO's FREE, accredited programme for teachers, supporting them to gain leadership skills, confidence, and strategies to implement **creative and cultural learning** in their classroom, with substantial evidence of impact from over 1,000 educators who have already participated nationally.

The year-long programme is delivered via a range of creative facilitation techniques that deepen reflective practice and incorporates a personalised research initiative that enables Cultural Champions to apply their leadership skills to their current school priorities straight away.

Why become a Cultural Champion?

1. Increased confidence and leadership skills, through an enquiry-led approach.
2. Increased understanding of creative project planning and evaluation to influence whole school change.
3. Access to FREE CPD in Dance, Design and Sing which supports Cultural Champions to develop their curriculum through accessing award-winning plans, resources and live lessons.
4. Opportunity to attend our annual Cultural Champions Symposium and Schools Matinees, providing a regular opportunity to connect with Cultural Champions across the country.

To find out more about Cultural Champions, please use the QR code below or email cultural_champions@roh.org.uk

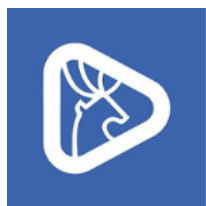


Here is a short video trailer about the programme - [RBO Cultural Champions Trailer - YouTube](#)

Here is a link to the website where colleagues can sign up to the programme - [Royal Ballet and Opera Schools](#)

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Bookings or contact directly:



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Book a meeting: <https://outlook.office.com/bookwithme/...>

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