

School Music Bulletin – Issue 17

We are pleased to present you with the latest edition of School Music Bulletin – Issue 17

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](#)

Give your staff, students and parents a voice

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

Our **Have Your Say surveys** are 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.

Upcoming Networking and CPD events

| Date | Time | Event | Venue | Topic | Booking Link |
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| 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 |

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](#).

Celebrating our Early Years Lead School:

BERA Conference: Music in the early years

In late April, Sarah Todd was invited to speak at the British Educational Research Association (BERA) annual teacher conference on 'Engaging and Inspiring Primary School Children through Music' at Birbeck, University of London.

The inaugural BERA Teacher Conference was dedicated to teachers and teacher-researchers and spotlit the transformative power of educational research in educational practice.

Woolenwick hosts the Royal Ballet & Opera

Woolenwick Infant & Nursery School in Stevenage recently hosted a fantastic Royal Ballet & Opera's 'Create and Sing' day for Hertfordshire educators.

The free, award-winning CPD day was very well attended and combined singing and drama to build children's self-expression and performance confidence.

Pictured are Woolenwick Schools' Music Leads Sarah Todd and Sophie Carroll with the Royal Ballet & Opera artists Madeleine Bradbury-Rance and Ellie Moran.

Lead Schools for Music – Support Available

Would you like to:

- Ask a question
- Arrange a face[OBJ]to[OBJ]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>

HMS Sing Up Digital Choir

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>



Wider Opportunities

[Multi-sensory music activity with Cosmo - BBC Teach](#)



CPD webinar - a multi-sensory story experience

[BBC TEN PIECES AND COSMO](#)

DATE: Thursday 14 May

TIME: 1600 - 1700

The webinar will include:

- How to run accessible music lessons in mixed-ability and SEND classrooms without increasing your workload
- How to teach BBC Ten Pieces in a way that engages every pupil, not just the confident ones
- How to explore the variety of resources available in BBC Ten Pieces

Note: If you are not able to attend the live webinar, registering for the event will ensure you receive a link to the recording afterwards.

[Continuing Professional Development for Teachers - BBC Teach](#)

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

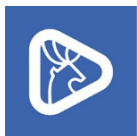


Here is a short video trailer about the programme - [RBO Cultural Champions Trailer - YouTube](#)

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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