

School Music Bulletin – Issue 21

We are pleased to present you with the latest edition of School Music Bulletin – Issue 21

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: Musicmap

Have your students ever wondered how punk connects to ska, or where synthwave came from? Musicmap is a giant interactive musical family tree charting the history and links between genres.

- **Explore it here: [Musicmap | The Genealogy and History of Popular Music Genres](#)**

Do you have a top tip to share with schools in Hertfordshire?

Please email christina.luchies@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Upcoming Networking, CPD and Events

Save these Dates:

- SEND Primary School Conference – 11 Feb 2027
- Herts Schools Music Expo – 2nd July 2027
- Hertfordshire Schools' Gala – Sunday 12 March 2028

Share Your Musical Story

Authored by Schools: Hertfordshire Music Newsletter

This summer, we invite schools across Hertfordshire to celebrate, reflect and inspire by sharing the musical experiences that have shaped your year.

Every rehearsal, performance, partnership and pupil voice tells a story — and your story matters. By contributing to the Authored by Schools – Summer Newsletter, you help build a vibrant picture of music education across our county, inspiring others and championing the power of music in our schools.

Whether it's:

- A project that brought your community together
- A rehearsal approach that unlocked new creativity
- A powerful pupil perspective
- A partnership that made a difference
- Or simply something that worked brilliantly

...we want to hear from you.

Your contribution doesn't have to be long — just meaningful. Together, we can showcase the incredible breadth, innovation and impact of music education across Hertfordshire.

Submission deadline: 1 July

Send your entries to: Christina.Luchies@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Let's celebrate what we've achieved — and inspire what comes next.

We look forward to sharing your story. View the Spring 2026 newsletter [here](#) for inspiration

How to Achieve Music Mark Status

Is your school passionate about developing a high-quality music education? Achieving Music Mark School status is a great way to recognise and celebrate your commitment to music provision.

To become a Music Mark School, please complete the following steps:

1. Publish your School Music Development Plan

Ensure your current Music Development Plan is available on your school website. This should outline how music is delivered, developed, and enriched across your school.

2. Complete the School Music Self-Evaluation

Use the "[Building a High-Quality Music Education](#)" framework from Hertfordshire Music Service:

Complete the Step 7 Audit Form:

Download the Primary / Early Years toolkit:

[music-development-school-statements-ey-primary.xlsx](#)

Download the Secondary toolkit:

[music-development-school-statements-secondary.xlsx](#)

3. Submit your documents

Email confirmation of completion, along with relevant links or documents, to

Christina.Luchies@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

Achieving Music Mark status is a valuable way to showcase your school's dedication to delivering inclusive, high-quality music education for all learners.

For further guidance, please contact:

 christina.luchies@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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

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>

Wider Opportunities

- **Ofsted update on Music in Schools | 6th October | 4pm - 5pm**

Hosted by the Music Mark in collaboration with MTA and the ISM, hear from Christopher Stevens, HMI National Lead for Music at Ofsted. [Attend the session](#)

- **Tools and Activities for Singing Progression and Composition | 14th October | 4pm - 5.30pm**

This 90-minute session will deliver practical guidance, inspiration, and build confidence in teaching music in Primary schools. This free session will guide you through free resources and programmes, where you will learn techniques for teaching composition and plan for singing progression. [Book your place](#)

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