

Welcome to our final Newsletter of this academic year. As you can expect from a music oriented publication, there's a lot going on as we come to the end of another year, one that's almost been back to normal. Music Centre numbers are slowly returning, and you can see the fruits of their labours at our end of year Big Bandstand Bonanza in the Arboretum in July. See below for more.

Our website (if you haven't taken a look recently) is updated weekly, not only with news of Music Centre goings on, but with news and information directly related to schools. If you haven't managed to get to the network group meetings yet (MiniMuse for Primary and Muse for Secondary), numbers are growing rapidly and there's bound to be something there for everyone, particularly in the light of new 'model' curriculum developments.

Contact [Steph Dufty](#) or see [here](#) for more.

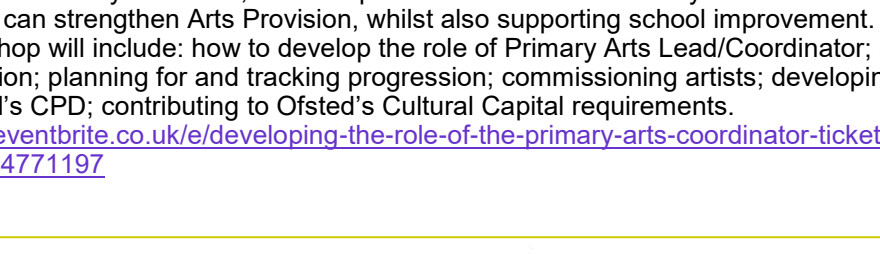
Finally, with the re-integration of the Music Hub into Walsall Councils IT services, all the management team have new email addresses. I've included [links at the bottom](#) for completeness.

We kick off with a few items taken from the LCEP bulletin

**Coaching Skills for Cultural Leadership**  
 Develop your coaching skills to empower your colleagues  
 Experience using various coaching tools and techniques  
 Grow the capacity and capability of others thus enabling you to achieve your collective goals more effectively  
 a two day online course 9th June & 12th July  
 For further information, visit: [www.artconnect.co.uk/coaching-skills](http://www.artconnect.co.uk/coaching-skills)  
 Costings: £300, or £200 for West Midlands residents

**Arts Connect – Coaching Skills for Cultural Leadership – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Join us online to experience coaching tools and techniques to empower your colleagues, and reach your collective goals more effectively.  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coaching-skills-for-cultural-leadership-tickets-314464731477](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coaching-skills-for-cultural-leadership-tickets-314464731477)



**Developing the Role of the Primary Arts Coordinator – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – 12.30pm – 3.15pm – Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham B12 9QH – Primary Arts Coordinators/Lead Arts Teachers Cost: £50**

Your ticket includes lunch and free entry to Arts Connect's regional Tea Party event, where you can meet over 40 arts organisations/artists, taking place at the same venue 3.30-5.30

Arts Connect, in partnership with Birmingham Creates, are delivering an 'in person' workshop for Primary Teachers, which explores the role of the Primary Arts Coordinator and how it can strengthen Arts Provision, whilst also supporting school improvement. The workshop will include: how to develop the role of Primary Arts Lead/Coordinator; auditing provision; planning for and tracking progression; commissioning artists; developing your school's CPD; contributing to Ofsted's Cultural Capital requirements.

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/developing-the-role-of-the-primary-arts-coordinator-tickets-333454771197](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/developing-the-role-of-the-primary-arts-coordinator-tickets-333454771197)

**Refreshing our Curriculum**



**Arts Connect Tea Party 2022: Refreshing the Curriculum – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June | 3pm – 6pm | Midlands Art Centre | Cost: £5. Are you looking for ways to bring the curriculum to life?**

After a long 2 years you are invited to take your place at the tea table. Come and meet a host of arts organisations, venues and artists all brimming with ideas to refresh the curriculum ... you'll get a chance to meet arts organisations large and small, galleries and museums and some lovely artists too. **Who is it for?** Early Years, Primary, Special and Secondary school teachers will be able to meet arts organisations, museums and artists who are delivering some of the most exciting education programmes in the country.

[Click here to book your place!](#)

**Arts Award Celebration Week 2022**  
 Celebrating:  
**The Arts Connect Arts Award Ignition Fund**  
 This fund aims to support young people facing barriers to engagement with arts and cultural opportunities, while achieving Bronze Arts Award accreditation!  
 As part of our Arts Award Ignition Fund we offer Arts Award training for up to two members of staff and a financial contribution to support Bronze Arts Award programmes. We also provide support from Arts Award experts to ensure that programmes are successfully planned, delivered and completed!  
**#ArtsAward #LOVEARTSAWARD**  
 For more information contact Becky at [Becky@artsconnect.co.uk](mailto:Becky@artsconnect.co.uk)

**Arts Award Ignition Funding – School Applications Now Open!**

The Arts Award Ignition Fund aims to support young people facing barriers to engagement with arts and cultural opportunities; we want to enable young people to access high quality creative and cultural experiences while achieving Bronze Arts Award accreditation. Through our Ignition Fund we will support schools and education settings in the West Midlands to **embed Bronze Arts Award framework within creative programmes** to enhance opportunities for young people's creative and cultural development. As part of our Arts Award Ignition Fund we offer **Arts Award training** for up to two members of staff and a contribution of between **£400 and £750 to support Bronze Arts Award programmes**. We also provide support from Arts Award experts to ensure that programmes are successfully planned, delivered and completed.

To find out more <https://artsconnect.co.uk/what-were-doing/arts-award/#1650896991524-31842e1c-f24a> **Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**LIVE MUSIC**

Live Music is back and sold out. I do hope you managed to get a place. We look forward to playing for you. We have a brand new show which we hope the children will absolutely love.



The jazz combo, led by Walsall Music Hub Music Educator and Jazz Specialist Nick Dewhurst, features some of the finest young jazz musicians from across Walsall! Consisting of Trumpet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trombone, Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums, these young musicians will entertain you with a selection of great jazz tunes, featuring fine ensemble playing, and exciting improvised solos!

Two gigs coming up:  
 The Table Cafe in Walsall - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
 The Fuse Festival in Lichfield - Friday 8th July

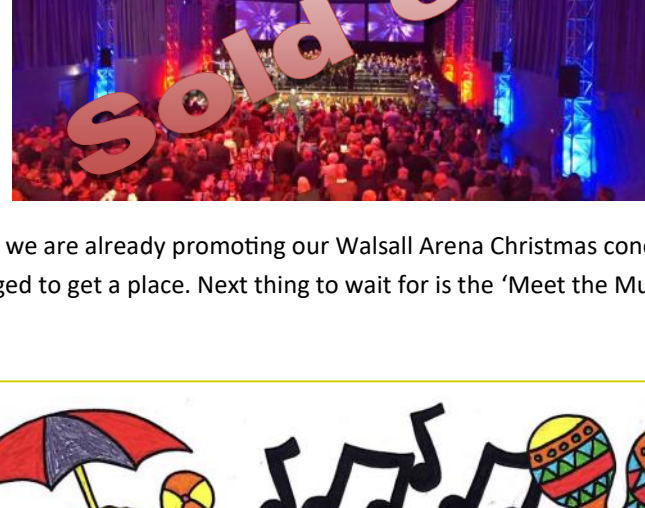
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**WalsallMusEd**  
 Walsall Music Education Hub & Service  
**20 22 WALSALL ROCK AND POP**  
**End of Year Performance**

This year's crop of bands from the Walsall Music Education Hub Rock and Pop project will perform a mixture of original and re interpreted material as a culmination of their year long work. Bands including Denim Ducks, Vibrant Ducks, Indecisive and Oversight bring a variety of genres to get you all dancing.

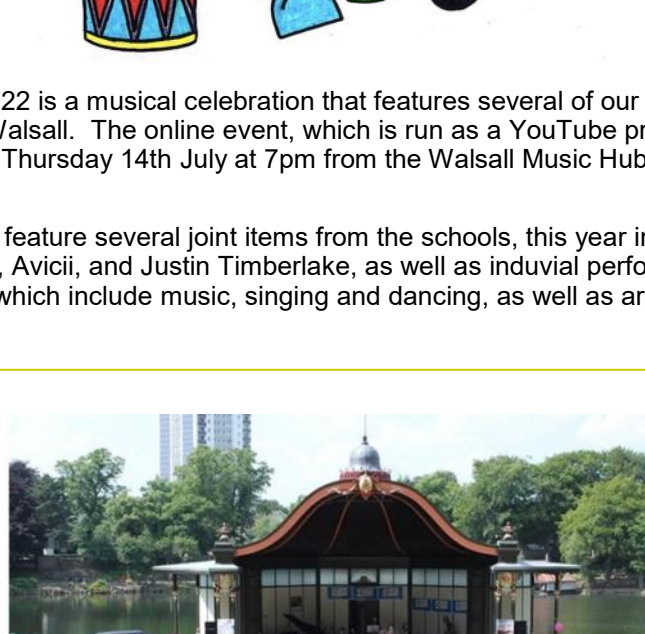
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**Christmas 2022 Sold out**



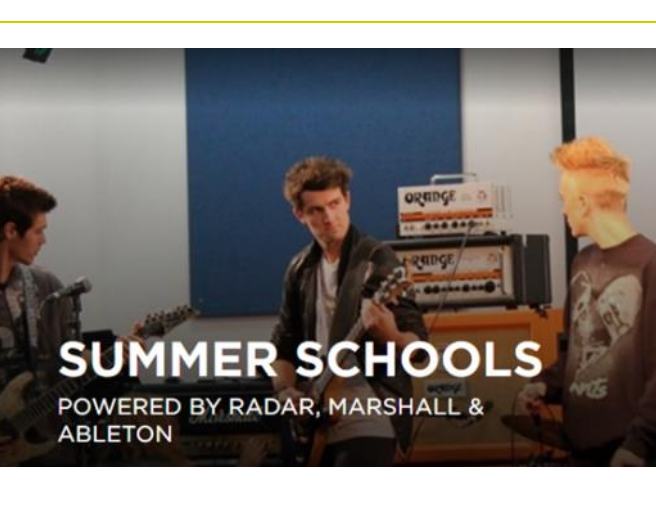
Can you believe, we are already promoting our Walsall Arena Christmas concert series for Hope you managed to get a place. Next thing to wait for is the 'Meet the Music' CPD in early September.

**SUMMERFEST!**



SummerFest '22 is a musical celebration that features several of our SEN schools from across Walsall. The online event, which is run as a YouTube premiere, will take place on Thursday 14th July at 7pm from the Walsall Music Hub YouTube channel.

The video will feature several joint items from the schools, this year including songs by Elton John, Avicii, and Justin Timberlake, as well as individual performances from each school, which include music, singing and dancing, as well as artwork too!



After a hiatus of 2 years, the Bandstand at the Arboretum will resound to the music of music centre ensembles, bands and selected soloists (not least, this years AMOW competition winner Jeevan Gill) once again. Seven hours of continuous music, Saturday July 9th, starting at 11 am and running through til 6pm

Book a day in the park. Come and enjoy the sunshine (I've booked it for the whole day!)

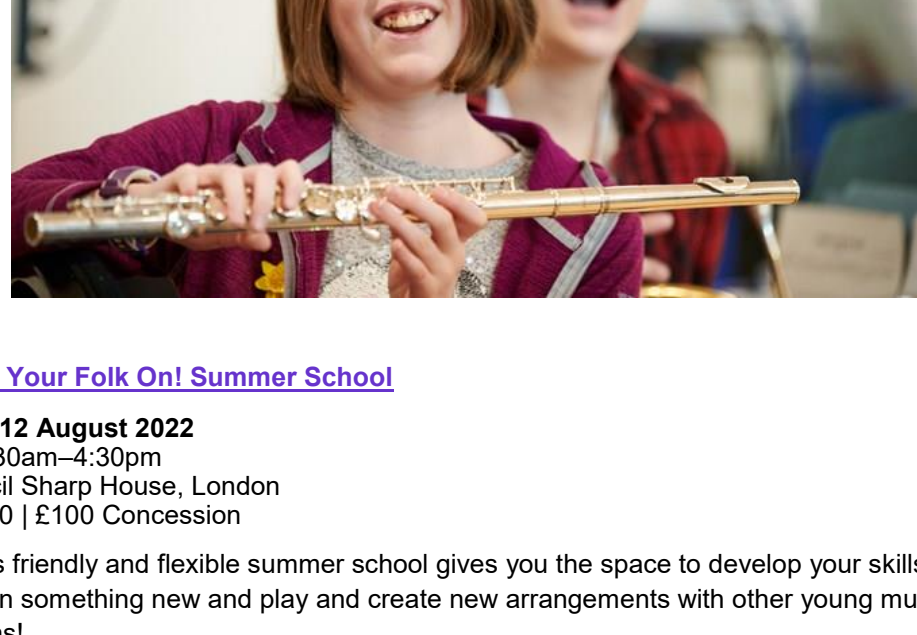
**SUMMER SCHOOLS**  
 POWERED BY RADAR, MARSHALL & ABLETON

**BIMM Summer School dates**

Each year we run a range of summer schools for musicians & producers aged 11-17 looking to develop their technique, their confidence as live performers or simply to just have fun. So, if you know of a young guitarist, vocalist, bassist, drummer or producer, a BIMM Summer School is a fantastic way for them to spend their break.

We run a variety of courses for all genres and tastes of music, so whether they love indie, pop, R&B, rock and metal or electronic music, there's something for everyone. Check out the dates and locations. **Mon 25 Jul - Fri 2 Sep**

Find out more [here](#)



**Get Your Folk On! Summer School**

**8 – 12 August 2022**  
 10:30am–4:30pm  
 Cecil Sharp House, London  
 £160 | £100 Concession

This friendly and flexible summer school gives you the space to develop your skills, learn something new and play and create new arrangements with other young musicians!

**MUSIC MARK**  
**PROUD TO BE A MUSIC MARK SCHOOL**

**Music Mark membership**  
 Do take a look at [our Music Mark page](#) and consider joining us. Member resources include: CanDoMusic, Course and Training, Diversity and inclusion, Early Years, Instrumental Vocal, Music tech and a whole lot more.

Here is a link to [Music Marks member page](#) to give you more of an insight.

New email addresses: [Scott Hollins](#) [Steph Dufty](#), [Monica Hollins](#), [Glen Taylor](#)

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