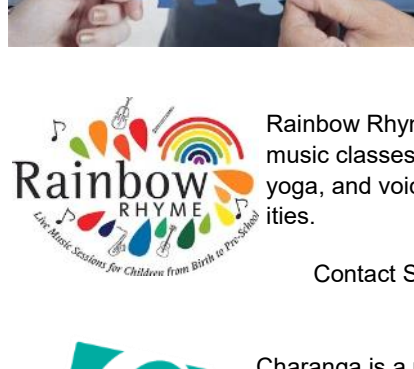




Our end of year events to watch out for include Live Music! - where our professional team of musicians tour schools, Bandstand Bonanza - a final outing for every ensemble rehearsing at the Music Centres on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and The Primary Singing Festival



Walsall Music Education Hub and Service has many partnership agreements that serve to add value to our offer to you.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we feature the companies that make up this greater offer to schools and students.



Rainbow Rhyme offers music classes for babies and pre-schoolers, music classes for early years in the school setting, Parent and baby yoga, and voice and well-being classes, along with a host of other activities.

Contact Sarah or Emma at: [Rainbow Rhyme](#)



Charanga is a music education and technology company based in the UK. They're an online platform that provides teachers and students with the help and resources they need to achieve their musical ambitions. Schools purchasing the license for the software get regular CPD opportunities from charanga experts throughout the year.

Contact [Steph Dufty](#) for more



Music Mark is a subject association for music education and an Arts Council England Investment Principles Support Organisation (IPSO), with a membership made up of organisations and people from across the whole music education sector. Music Mark advocates at government level for music. There are a great deal of advocates and CPD opportunities for teachers, policy makers, and governors for schools who are members.

Music Mark [website](#)

Contact [Glen Taylor](#) for info on how to join for free



MusE and MiniMusE, are network groups, organised and supported by the Hub. Meeting termly, they offer a whole host of events: Walsall specific CPD, discussions, moderating, etc. The network groups provide often much needed support to music teachers/coordinators at all levels.

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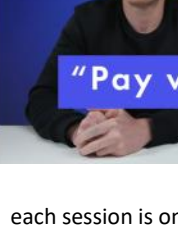
We partner with the Associated Board (of the Royal School of Music) to offer examination session at the Arts Centre, and CPD opportunities

To book an exam or for more info, contact [Helen Miller](#)

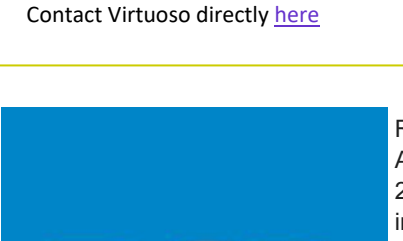


The Black Country Dance Hub (BCDH) is passionate about its work and we pride ourselves on delivering high quality dance experiences. They have a strong team of experienced dance artists who set high expectations of the children and young people they work with, building confidence and achieving outstanding results.

They work with over 2000 young people each year through projects and professional performances.



The Forest Foundation (for music), is the charitable wing of the Music Hub, supporting schools and students where cost is a barrier to inclusion. The Foundation also supports Hub events such as the WYMS music competition, the annual Arboretum concerts and the Robin gig for Rock n Pop



**Ofsted's Deep Dives into Music**

In this session, Ofsted's Christopher Stevens, HMI National Lead for music, presents on Deep Dives in music, explaining what to expect and outlining Ofsted's inspection methodology for Deep Dives.

Go to the Music Mark website [here](#)



This amazing DJ package is available to schools.

I spent some time talking with the 'boys' and they seem genuinely passionate about giving students access to (free) equipment and online learning.

Aimed squarely at secondary schools, the lessons are from some of the biggest names in the DJ world (including Radio 1). Courses last from an hour to more than seven for the more advanced users, but

each session is only minutes long, so pupils can dip in and out, doing little and often.

Contact Virtuoso directly [here](#)



RSL Awards Founder Norton York, recognised by Lifetime Achievement Award at the Music & Drama Education Awards 2023, releases an update on the state of music qualifications in schools in England.

**Norton's recently updated report into the music education system in England shows that despite the well documented decline in GCSE music qualifications, overall music qualifications are on the rise in schools...**

Read more and download Norton's report [here](#):

Listen to a short video from Norton [here](#)



**Students should have four hours of arts education weekly as a minimum, report states**

A new report is calling on policymakers to reconsider the status of arts in state schools and re-evaluate the English education system.

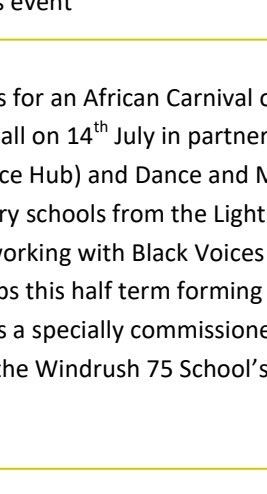
The report is based on research including roundtable discussions with teachers, arts educators, heads of schools and young people. [Read more](#)



**Last chance to book your tickets**

Each year our young Rock 'n Poppers get the chance to perform at The Robin in Bilston - a prestigious venue supported by lots of top gigging bands and artists.

Tickets available via the QR code below. See you there!



**BIMM INSTITUTE**  
Birmingham

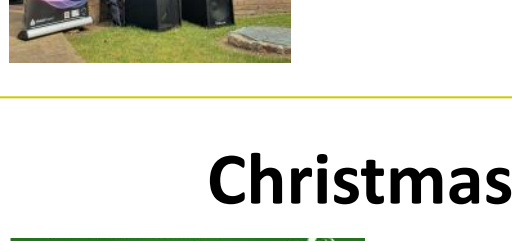
The winner of our 1st song-writing competition, Josh Simpson from Brownhills

Ormiston Academy will be recording his winning song in the BIMM Studios later this month. This amazing opportunity comes courtesy of the BIMM institute who sponsored this event



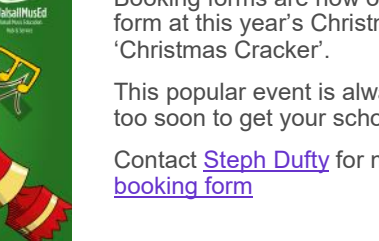
Why not come and join us for an African Carnival outside The New Art Gallery Walsall on 14<sup>th</sup> July in partnership with BCDH (Black Country Dance Hub) and Dance and Music.

Four of our Walsall Primary schools from the Lighthouse Federation, who will be working with Black Voices through a series of vocal workshops this half term forming a massed choir. Among the songs is a specially commissioned song by Ken Burton, as part of the Windrush 75 School's offer



**Annual Bandstand Bonanza**  
Arboretum July the 8th

This is an all day event, showcasing every ensemble from Tuesday and Wednesday night Music Centres.



This years WYMS music competition winners will also be soloing.

Why not come and support our young musicians; it would be lovely to see you there. There will be food (burgers, baps, sweets), and soft drinks available to purchase.

The day kicks off at 11am with back to back music til 6pm

**Christmas Cracker 23**



Booking forms are now out in schools if you'd like to perform at this year's Christmas choral celebration event 'Christmas Cracker'.

This popular event is always over subscribed, so it's never too soon to get your schools name down and booked in.

Contact [Steph Dufty](#) for more or click [here to download the booking form](#)



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**Music EDI scholarships for UK secondary schoolteachers at the Open University**

The Open University's Department of Music is offering fully funded bursaries for UK secondary schoolteachers who want to introduce or enhance the teaching of music in their schools. Priority will be given to teachers working in schools with a high number of underrepresented students in music studies. Apply by 3 July. [Find out more](#).

**Be part of the world's biggest DIY music festival!**

21st June will be packed full of live performances in communities across the UK for Make Music Day 2023. Anyone can get involved and register their event, from schools and music services to community music groups. Teachers can even download an [Assembly and Resource Pack](#) of helpful information and activity sheets to help bring Make Music Day to their school. [Download the Resource pack here](#) and [find out more about getting involved](#).

**Dates for diaries**

- Summer Term**
- Primary Singing Festival: June 27th, 28th, 29th
  - Bandstand Bonanza at Walsall Arboretum: 8th July
  - Robin: July 19th
  - ABRSM Exams: July 18th, 19th
  - Live Music: July 19th - 25th

**Jazz Events**

- Lichfield Blues & Jazz Festival: Monday 5th June: 7.30-9.30pm: Jazz @ 6 Big Band & the Jazz Combo will be performing at St Anne's Church in Chasetown. Tickets £5 and available from <https://lichfieldarts.org.uk/events/>
- Table Café (Walsall): Monday 26th June: 7.30-9.30pm: the Jazz Combo

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