

Hello,

This term marks the departure of Scott Hollins. After over 30 years working for Walsall Music Service and then the Hub, he heads off to early retirement. Steph Duffy takes over the mantle as Head of Service.

This issue covers a huge range of topics, from technology in the classroom to jazz workshops from the NYJO, composing to career pathways in music, from well-being and SEND to instrumental teaching in the classroom, we've got it all covered here.

This year we're piloting a video performance of Three Little Birds for National Music day. Keep your eyes on our social media channels on June 21st for the finished product.

If you haven't already booked for our Christmas vocal concerts and have been thinking about it, at the time of going to press there were 3 places left. Don't leave it too late to make the call. See below to make contact with Lizzie in the office.

Oh yes, and when it arrives, enjoy a well deserved Summer break!

National Music Day June 21st

I hope you've had chance to look at the 3 Little Birds tracks and get your recordings in. We're already starting to format the final video featuring all those who submitted video or audio tracks.

Keep your eyes on our social media channels on Friday June 21st as we celebrate [National make music day](#) and release our recording.

Free composing ebook

Passing notes Education is offering schools access to their acclaimed '*Getting Started with GCSE Composition*' ebook.

To download the book for FREE simply use the code PASSINGNOTESGCSE on the 'resources' page of their website www.passingnoteseducation.co.uk/resources

Since its release, over 1500 teachers around the world have downloaded and benefitted from the simple but effective composition tasks contained therein.

[More](#)

Xmas at the Arena

Yes, I know it's early, but to guarantee your place at this over subscribed event, you need to book well in advance! Please reach out to [Steph Duffy](#) to book

Email: steph.duffy@walsall.gov.uk

NYJO workshops

A fantastic opportunity to work with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra for KS 4 and 5 students. Mega deal of just £50 for schools to get involved (amazing value!)

For more details visit our website [here](#)

[Book here](#)

DaCapo online

Meet the biggest innovation in Primary Classroom music teaching, ever. Bringing together 30 years of music education experience, with a cutting edge interactive learning environment.

DaCapo Online has been beautifully designed so that it can be used by any teacher, easily, regardless of musical experience

See how DaCapo Online fits into your Classroom

[More](#)

Digital Innovation in Music Education Conference!

You are invited to the inaugural Digital Innovation in Music Education Conference, taking place at the Royal Northern College of Music on Tuesday 25th June 2024. Bringing together experts from music education and beyond, this collaboration between the DIME Alliance and TIME

(Technology in Music Education) will give music teachers, practitioners and leaders an opportunity to explore how they can lead the way in digital innovation in music education. In-person and virtual tickets are available.

[Full details here](#)

[Book your ticket now!](#)

Pathways into the Music Industry for Students

Creative Pathways is a Music Industry Directory for schools. Launched last week, it is a user-friendly online resource that Careers and Music departments can use to inform students and parents about the wide range of jobs and careers in the industry. It has advice from industry professionals, links to Music Colleges, and much more.

[To trial or buy a license visit creativepathways.co.uk.](http://www.creativepathways.co.uk)

Wellbeing resources for organisations

Education Support provides a variety of wellbeing resources for organisations focussed on education. This includes wellbeing audit & tools, best practice, and tools for wellbeing leadership, with guides, videos, articles and research.

[Explore more.](#)

Aurora Classroom: bringing Aurora Orchestra into classrooms around the country

[Aurora Classroom](#) is an online learning platform for primary schools and SEND settings which brings Aurora's unique creative style into the classroom. With three fully-planned units of work and in-built CPD, Aurora Classroom supports generalist and specialist music teachers alike in delivering high-quality music lessons with ease – explore more today by starting your 14-day free trial.

Music Education Solutions

Music Education Solutions will soon be releasing their 2024/5 programme of training events & webinars. A great and diverse selection, [click here for more info](#)

Walsall band Downfall 77 play Lichfield Fuse Festival

Young rock musicians from the Walsall Music Hub are booked to play at Lichfield's prestigious Fuse Festival during the weekend of July 12th-14th. Downfall 77 will be performing at 12.30pm in the Momentum Marquee on Sat 13th July. . This event is one of the few remaining free events of its kind in the UK. [Get your tickets here](#)

[More here](#)

Whole Class Instrumental Teaching: what are the aims?

In light of new findings, Dr Adam Whittaker and Prof Martin Fautley from the Birmingham Music Education Research Group explore the provision, purpose and impact of (WCIT) Whole Class Instrumental Tuition in primary schools

[Read the whole article here](#)

Innovative certificated music course available for secondary schools to develop young leaders through music

Award-winning charity, The Music Works has launched a new industry recognised certificated music course for young people in KS3 that capitalises on their own musical passions and interests and develops their leadership skills. [Music Leaders UK](#) is designed to engage more secondary school students in music, unlocking their music and leadership potential and increasing those studying for a music award at KS3 and beyond.

Booking for Finish This... 2024-25 is now open!

Finish This... is English National Opera's FREE music making programme for schools nationwide; bringing a fusion of opera, film and animation into your classroom, as a creative springboard for collaborative composition work. [Register here](#) before **Thursday 20th June, 2024**.

Contact finishthis@eno.org with any questions.

Sources for selected items in this Newsletter include:

[Music Mark](#)

[Campaign for the Arts](#)

[Music Leaders UK](#)

[Walsall Music Education Hub](#)

[Classical Music](#)

[ENO Home | The Home of English Opera | ENO](#)

[Aurora Classroom](#)

[Education Support](#)

[Creative Pathways](#)

[Music Education Solutions](#)

[NYJO | The future of jazz](#)

Email addresses: [Steph Duffy](#) [Monica Hollins](#) [Glen Taylor](#)

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and like our Facebook/X pages to keep up to date with what's happening from the Music Hub

[Website](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Facebook](#)

[X](#)

[Instagram](#)

If you wish to unsubscribe please contact admin@walmused.org.uk

Dates for your diaries

- Saturday 29th June: Bandstand Bonanza, Walsall Arboretum All day 'til around 4pm
- Last week of term our staff will be touring Live Music! To schools around Walsall
- Summer Singing Festival at the Arts Centre. Starting Tuesday 25th June and running all week.
- Rock 'n' Pop play the Robin in Bilston (the ultimate Rock venue!) Wednesday 17th July