

Hello,  
Welcome to the 1st edition for 2024  
We celebrated the end of last year with our Christmas vocal shows, and received fantastic reviews - you'll see just a few below.  
The Music Mark award continues to grow in popularity and after a review by Music Mark recently is now incredibly straightforward to achieve and receive the recognition your school deserves. See below for more.  
There are quite a few courses coming up, including 'Embracing Music Notation, Technology in the music classroom (Industry X Education Interface) and the Music curriculum conference in Slough. You can get in touch with the organising bodies below.

## Christmas Cracker

*A.....truly wonderful event.* Councillor Rose Martin

These years Christmas vocal performances were again led by the inimitable Ula Weber, and received many plaudits from the audience. Here are just a few...

*The enthusiastic performance, energy, and brilliant repertoire were a joy to witness. Thank you for your ongoing contributions to this gem of a service.* Councillor Garry Perry

And from the chief executive of Walsall Council...

*I had the pleasure of this brilliant performance last night! ... it was absolutely brilliant and definitely put me and my Mom in the Christmas spirit!*

If you like the sound of that and would like to be involved next year, it's never too soon to get on the waiting list (places are always limited). Contact [Steph Dufty](#) to book your place before the rush!

## WYMS competition - closing date for entries 7th Feb

Fast approaching is the deadline for the Walsall Young Music Star competition. The 'Up and Coming' category is for Junior Schools and the Senior category for the competition proper. Cash prizes, recordings, performance opportunities form part of the overall winners package.

Heats: Tuesday 27th Feb. Final: Thurs 21st March in Auditorium 1 at the Walsall Arena & Arts Centre.

Enter [here](#). More [here](#)

## Music Mark schools

The Music Mark award for schools is offered in recognition of outstanding commitment to music in schools. The criteria for acceptance can be found on our [website](#). As well as a certificate, Music Mark Schools get access to their events, training, resources and lots more throughout the academic year.

If you'd like more information or just a chat about the implications, please email [Glen Taylor](#) to set the ball rolling.

## NYMAZ and Note Weavers Early Years Conference

With keynote speaker Jimmy Rotheram, who was shortlisted for the global teacher prize 2018. His nomination comes following the spectacular work that he has done in improving the standards at Faversham Primary Academy in Bradford. He has developed tried and tested programmes for developing the musicianship and pedagogy non-specialist teachers to help provide the best music education experience for as many children as he possibly can.

Other workshops and speakers include Jennifer Redmond from the BBC, Rebecca Denniff and B'Opera.

This is a fantastic opportunity and tickets are very reasonably priced at £20 (earlybird) and £30 as standard

Date: 1st March 10am-4pm

Where: Skipton Town Hall

Book: [here](#)

More info: [here](#)

## Charanga

With the Music & Drama Education Expo right around the corner, Music Teacher magazine caught up with Mark Burke, co-founder and director of Charanga, to discuss the past, present and future of the teaching and learning platform.

Read all about it [here](#)

We offer many opportunities for CPD here at the Music Hub.

For more info, please speak with [Steph Dufty](#)

## Beginners Guide to English Folk Music

English Folk Music is often recognised as being music that contains elements passed on from one generation to another often with some element of **oral transmission** – that is, it is passed from one person to another learning by ear rather than from books or recordings or written notation. That is only one aspect of folk music though, and nowadays (and in the past) many people learn music and songs from recordings of other singers or find material in books.

Find out more [here](#)

## National Guitar day

As we approach the 11th of February (the national guitar day), I wonder how many schools will celebrate with guitar performances? Perhaps you'll share some photos on Social Media platforms or get guitar pupils to play to their peers in the classroom.

I've set up [a page on our website](#) so we can share all the photos in one space. Whatever you do to mark this day, please share with us using the hashtags #nationalguitarday and #walsallguitarday

## Industry x Education Interface, 7th March, 10am - 3pm

A fantastic opportunity to connect with a wide range of music brands and resellers. This is the second time Music Mark has partnered with MIA (Music Industries Association) to host this unique event which provides a platform to build up relationships across the sector.

This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss how we can partner around the **NPME**, and plan for the upcoming Government investment in musical instruments.

[Book your place.](#)

## The Curriculum Music Conference, 14th March, 9.30am - 4pm

The Curriculum Music Conference® is coming to Slough on 14th March! Featuring workshops, presentations, networking sessions, and a trade exhibition this event is ideal for all primary and secondary music teachers to get inspiration and advice for music in your school.

Find out more and book [here](#).

## Embracing Notation, 26th February, 1 - 4pm

**A Walsall Music Hub CPD event.** A 3 hour session including practical tasks to enable teachers to understand notation and it's different forms as well as providing a variety of ways in which to deliver teaching notation in the classroom.

To find out more contact [Steph Dufty](#)

Sources for this terms Newsletter include:

[Music Mark](#)

[Music Teacher](#)

[The English Folk Music Society](#)

[Walsall Music Education Hub](#)

Please see included flyer for all this terms Music Centre gigs

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### Walsall Music Education Hub & Service

## Music Centre Spring Concert Dates

### Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Big Band + Support from the WMEHS Jazz Combo

Monday 19th February, 6.30pm  
Eastside Jazz Club  
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire  
Tickets available from:  
[www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire/events-calendar/rbc-big-band-19-02-2024](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire/events-calendar/rbc-big-band-19-02-2024)

### Spring Music Centre Concert with...

**Fab Group, Junior Wind Band, Best Strings, Apollo Strings**  
Tuesday 19th March, 6.00pm  
A1, Walsall Arena & Arts Centre  
Tickets available from:  
[www.walsallarena.com/whats-on](http://www.walsallarena.com/whats-on)

### Spring Music Centre Concert with...

**Intermediate Wind Band, Jazz Improvisation Group, Phoenix & Senior Strings**  
Tuesday 19th March, 8.00pm  
A1, Walsall Arena & Arts Centre  
Tickets available from:  
[www.walsallarena.com/whats-on](http://www.walsallarena.com/whats-on)

### Spring Jazz Concert with...

**Jazz Combo, Jazz @ 6 Big Band**  
Monday 22nd April, 7.30pm  
St Anne's Church, Chasetown, Burntwood  
Tickets available on the door only

### Senior Wind Band Spring Concert

Tuesday 23rd April, 8.00pm  
A1, Walsall Arena & Arts Centre  
Tickets available from:  
[www.walsallarena.com/whats-on](http://www.walsallarena.com/whats-on)



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