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SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

CPD TRAINING DATES

We are delighted to be running some exciting CPD training days this term, please see below for details:

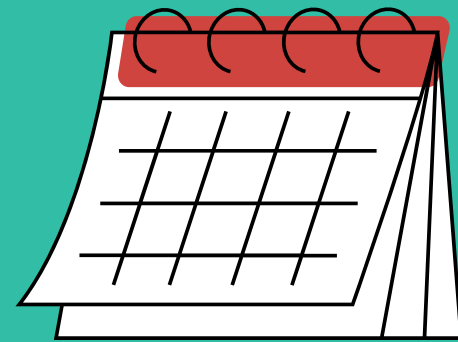
Thursday 3rd November 4pm-6pm - Shake, Rattle and Tap for EYFS and KS1:
Effective use of percussion instruments in the early years and KS1; both tuned and untuned.

Wednesday 16th November 4pm-6pm - Composition and notation training for KS3 and KS4:
A range of starter and development activities to enhance your delivery of composition and notation.

Thursday 17th November 4pm-6pm - Music 101: An introduction to the standard notation for rhythm and pitch and the inter-related dimensions of music.

The training days will run Berkshire Maestros Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 4EZ

Each session is £10 please [book here](#)



National Plan for Music

Please view the new National Plan for Music Education [here](#). If you need any additional support implementing this plan, please contact your school development manager.

Music Mark's Ofsted Presentation

Ofsted's Christopher Stevens, HMI National Lead for music, presents their latest thinking on effective assessment of music in schools. Christopher's presentation, touching on different types and regularity of assessment, is followed by a period of Q&A covering a variety of topics raised by attendees. To watch please [click here](#)

How to become a Music Mark School

We are delighted to be able to nominate Berkshire schools for FREE membership of Music Mark.

Benefits include:

- Access to online resources including guidance, teaching resources, and ideas to support the delivery of music
- Access to free online training events

To find out more on how to become a Music Mark school please contact your school development manager.





FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

Did you know that we have several ways of financially supporting students to learn a musical instrument? Schools can play a vital role in identifying students that they know have a desire to learn/show talent but cannot afford the lesson fees. Please see below for more information and do get in touch with finance@berkshiremaestros.org.uk if you have any questions.

Supporting pupil premium students

We provide a discount of 75% on our standard group lessons. All we need is confirmation from you that a student is in receipt of PPG and the discount will be applied. We can then invoice the parent or guardian or if you would like to support the pupil with their music lessons, we can invoice school directly. For sign up procedures please contact your school development manager.

Supporting families on low income

We encourage families on a low income to apply for fee assistance. This would provide the same discount as for pupil premium students.

SEND student funding

Did you know that we offer heavily discounted lessons for some of our SEND students?

This is by application to finance@berkshiremaestros.org.uk and will be for those students who may need more individual time and space to support their progression.

For 2022-23;

- SEND individual 20-minute lessons are discounted by over 50% and cost £9.00 per lesson.
- Our SEND individual 30-minute lessons are discounted by 33% and cost £18.67 per lesson
- Our SEND individual 40-minute lessons are discounted by 25% and cost £28.00 per lesson

For students in receipt of pupil premium funding we offer discounts in addition to our SEND rates so please do consider meeting the balance of the cost.

IN2MUSIC - BODY PERCUSSION

Take a look at our IN2MUSIC project exploring Pulse and Beats.

It includes videos, activities and games to use!

Please click [here](#)



Did you know?

Berkshire Maestros will be 40 next week, watch this space for what we are going to do to celebrate over the year!



FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL:
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We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading about the activities Berkshire Maestros is offering to help you bring music back into your school. If you have any feedback for us please email marketing@berkshiremaestros.org.uk - we would love to hear from you!

