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Live Music Demos

The month of March saw some Live Music performances from some of the staff here at Slough Music Service. In particular, Miss Emma Holmes, our woodwind specialist, received a warm reception at St. Mary's C of E Primary, Willow, and Phoenix Infants.

...Does your child want to learn an instrument 1 to 1 or in small groups on a weekly basis? If so, we want to hear from you for September 2023 signup...

Instrument Try-Outs

SAT 15TH JULY & SAT 2ND SEP

- keep an eye out for locations

...Learning an instrument is proven to develop social, analytical, cognitive, and language skills in children!...

Holiday & Food

The first week of the Easter holidays saw another successful 4 days of our Holiday & Food programme run at the Grove Academy School in Chalvey - involving Dance, Arts & Crafts, Singing, and Delicious Hot Meals!

Spring Term 2023



SYO at the Royal Albert Hall!

On March 14th 2023 the Slough Youth Orchestra were invited to join forces with the ensembles of Bucks Music Trust. They performed as part of the incredible BMT Gala Concert, staged at the prestigious Royal Albert Hall. What a fantastic evening of music making of the highest quality, following a long day of rehearsals and staging! Congratulations SYO & BMT for all your exceptional work.

The students prepared their performances during February and March, led by conductor Tom Horn. They performed in full orchestral style, as well as in smaller sectional string groups, and wind/concert band groups, the latter led by Mr Batsman of Langley Grammar School.

A reminder that the orchestra is suitable for players of grade 4+ standard or equivalent. If your child or student is of this standard, please email music.service@slough.gov.uk to register. We want to grow! We would also like to develop a Training Orchestra aimed at Grades 1-3 or equivalent, and want to hear from you if you would like to be involved.

Sounds Unplugged

This April, the YES shop will host the first wave of recording for Sounds Unplugged: a performance video series showcasing local Slough artists in a minimalistic setting. The series aims to create a recognisable platform for local musicians, support the music scene, and promote the creative community in Slough. Singers, rappers, poets, and performers aged 11-19 with any content they wish to record are all encouraged to get involved. These videos will be showcased in mid-May on the Slough Music Service YouTube channel.

Music Centres

FREE FOR ALL TO ATTEND!

Lynch Hill School Primary Academy hosts our Build a Band Centre for children who can already play an instrument to approx. Gr.1+ aged 7 and up - Thursdays 4:15-5:30pm.

In their first term, the students composed their own piece as well as learning how to play Bruno Mars' hit song - 'Count on Me'.

Music Discovery - ages 4-6 (3:20-4pm) - LHSPA - Early Years Music Centre with a mix of easy-to-learn instruments & singing.

Music Tech Centre - Langley Grammar School - Thursdays 4-6pm. Participants will gain music production knowledge and skills, covering topics such as MIDI, recording, loops, and samples. Hands-on activities allow for experimentation, creativity, and fun while learning.

Email Us! - to sign up for any of our Music Centres



Behind the Scenes - CPD

Thank you to Karen Pooley and ABRSM for delivering CPD on curriculum resources, including ABRSM Classroom 200 (free to access).

Alison Daubney also lead CPD on taking an inclusive approach in music teaching.

Ray Lau & Seann Wilkinson delivered CPD on Ofsted Deep Dives with a very helpful overview of the process, ideas on how to prepare, and what to expect.

April 25th - Anna Heywood joins us introducing the NPME and School Development Plan, sharing her curriculum resources - (Chalvey Community Hub)

May 18th - Behaviour Management in Music - (Online)

WCET Curriculum Planning

Spring Term saw our teachers meet to discuss and share ideas relating to WCET, to ensure everyone has a clear overview of whole-class teaching and the levels of progression over the course of the academic year.



Student Success Story of the Term - written by Karl Drummond

Rayaan Vanterpool, known by his stage name RV, is a young man who has faced some challenges in his school life. Recently diagnosed with ADHD, Rayaan has been working hard to improve his behaviour and focus on positive activities. With the support of his family, friends, and services he has found an outlet in sports and music. Rayaan's talent for music was recently recognised when he won the **SMS Knife Angel competition.**

The competition was part of an anti-knife crime campaign partnered with Thames Valley Police. Rayaan's winning entry was a positive and conscious song called "Put the Knives Down". As part of his prize, he recently shot a music video for the song, which is currently being produced. This achievement has given Rayaan a sense of responsibility as a role model as he transitions into secondary school. He is now more determined than ever to be a positive influence and a leader within his community. Rayaan's journey shows that with hard work and support, young people can overcome challenges and achieve great things. His music is a powerful message to his peers and the wider community to choose positivity and reject violence. We look forward to seeing more from RV in the future and wish him all the best in his journey.

Upcoming Events

Recitals – Summer Showcase Performance Platform evening will be held on June 6th at St. Mary's Church – encouraging all abilities to partake. If you receive instrumental lessons with one of our tutors, please get in touch to sign up! – Traditional Gestures, Certificates, Refreshments provided.

Everyone Can Play – June 28th/29th/30th – Polish Association – our Whole Class Ensembles event may feature your school – keep an eye out for parent invites!

St. Mary's Choir Showcase – July 11th – St. Mary's Church – watch this space for more info...

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