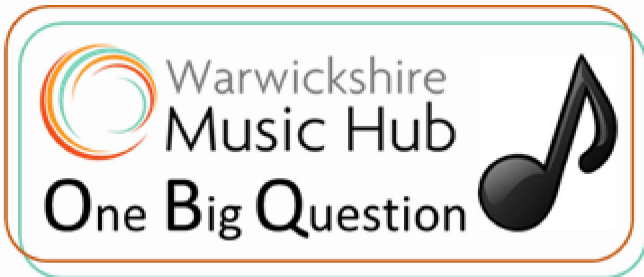


CELEBRATING THE MUSICAL SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE, AND SCHOOLS ACROSS WARWICKSHIRE.

WELCOME

We were extremely pleased to launch a new termly newsletter for schools, students, parents & carers in January this year to share and celebrate the musical achievements of our family of students and schools in Warwickshire so far this year. In this, our second edition, we share highlights from our Spring Term events and news about activities and opportunities available for children, young people, and schools through the Summer Term.



Music Hubs are responsible for ensuring a range of musical opportunities are available for children & young people in schools and their communities. To help plan and organise musical opportunities for children, young people, and schools across Warwickshire we are asking One Big Question in April.

We want to know:

- What musical opportunities children, young people and their families want, and what they need to make this possible.
- What support or musical resources schools, local music organisations and community groups need to develop the musical opportunities they provide or would like to provide for children & young people.

If you are a child, young person, parent or carer, school, music organisation, or community group representative please give us your answer to our One Big Question [here](#).

One Big Question is now live and will be running until the end of April.

Best wishes

Richard Hart

Delivery Lead, Warwickshire Music

SPRING CELEBRATION CONCERTS 2024

The Spring term was brought to a rousing conclusion with a series of concerts from our Area Music Centre and County Youth Groups. It was wonderful to see so many young people making music together across Warwickshire.

Highlights of the many concerts included, the Central Warwickshire Area Orchestra under the direction of Kieron Howe performing music including Strauss's [Blue Danube](#) and Tip Top by Chris Norton. The North Area Orchestra and Rock Band playing Dua Lipa's [Dance the Night](#), The South Area and Training Orchestras, under the direction of Tom Stoneman, performing Hedwig's theme and East Area Orchestra performing [Bridge Over Troubled Water](#).



Pictured: South Music Centre Area and Training Orchestra

Our County Youth Groups were in fine form providing an exceptional concert to celebrate their achievements. Our steel pan groups under the able direction of Fareed Siddiqui played a variety of music including The Lion Sleeps Tonight and Reach for the Stars. The County Youth Wind Band under the direction of Richard Hart performed an outstanding programme including [Lightspeed](#) and Sunlight Dancing by Robert Buckley and Music from Toy Story 4. This was followed by the amazing County Youth String Orchestra directed by Alison Hawthorne playing music ranging from Britten's Playful Pizzicato to Music from Disney's [Brave](#)!



Over 60 pupils from across the tri-county area of Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull came together on February 3rd and 4th in the inaugural course and concert of the Swan Youth Orchestra, a new partnership between the Orchestra of the Swan, Warwick Schools Foundation, Warwickshire, Coventry & Solihull Music Hubs.

Two years in the making, the two-day course held at Warwick School produced fantastic performances by the [Swan Youth Orchestra](#) of Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull by John Williams, Brahms Second Symphony and a very innovative performance of La Rotta which involved improvisation on the theme of La Rotta.

It is incredible what these young people achieved in two days with the support of their excellent conductor Matthew Coorey and the tutors from the Orchestra of the Swan and our three music hubs. It was a truly fantastic event.

The next orchestra course is on 5th & 6th October. Further details and application information can be found [here](#).



BEDWORTH MAKES MUSIC EVENT

Over 140 pupils from six Bedworth Schools came together to make music in a very successful event hosted by Nicholas Chamberlaine School on 9th February.

The morning session involved pupils from All Saints Bedworth, Wheelwright Lane Primary School and Race Leys Junior School singing and performing with their ukuleles, guitars, and flutes some well-known classics such as Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and The Lion Sleeps Tonight from the Lion King. They delivered a fantastic [lunchtime performance](#) to some very enthusiastic parents.



The afternoon session involved pupils from Nicholas Chamberlaine School, St James Academy and Park Lane Primary School performing together as an orchestra. It was a truly fantastic sight to see an orchestra of this size playing together pieces including Trepak by Tchaikovsky and Flowers by Miley Cyrus.

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Well done to all pupils and staff involved in this wonderful event.

We would love to facilitate similar events in schools across Warwickshire, please do talk with our Area Leaders about how we can support similar events for your school.

WACY BRASS AT UNIBRASS 2024

Warwickshire & Coventry Youth Brass performed at UniBrass 2024 on 17th February. Under the able direction of Simon Hogg, the band performed to an audience of over 1000 very enthusiastic and appreciative brass students at Warwick Arts Centre before the results of the competition were announced. The performance was also Live Streamed around the world to an even larger audience. Well done to all who took part in what was a very special performance.



The next WACY Brass course is on Sunday the 14th July at Warwick School.

To find out more and to join the group [click here](#).

CBSO PROJECT REMIX 2024



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The orchestra is formed of young people from the 14 Music Hubs across the West Midlands each year. We were delighted that a number of students from Warwickshire schools were represented in the orchestra once again this year.

This year the theme was music from popular TV Shows like Wednesday, The Witcher, Squid Game and the Umbrella Academy. Well done to all who took part for able demonstrating the wealth of musical talent we have in the county.



Find more information about CBSO youth orchestra [here](#)

DJING & MUSIC PRODUCTION IN NUNEATON



Hub Partner Aspire in Arts planned and delivered a successful series of Music Production and DJing workshops in February giving thirteen young people in Nuneaton the opportunity to learn about the history, theory and technique of DJ'ing and Music Production enabling them to get their hands on decks to create their own sounds and learn about pathways into the music industry.

More information about the fantastic work delivered by Aspire in Arts can be found [here](#).

EARLY YEARS MUSIC PILOT

We have had great fun this term launching an early Years Music pilot based on the concept of Song drawing. Song drawing is a holistic form of art play that incorporates musical and visual expression, movement and bodily expression, rhyming and storytelling.

Pictures are conjured up and supported by drawing songs. It invites the children to communicate, concentrate and collaborate as well as express themselves in lots of different ways. In song drawing there are many different ways for a child to participate which promotes inclusion on many levels.



The programme working with The Griffin School, Nathaniel Newton Infant School, Bishopton Primary, Bridgetown Primary, The Dasset School, Shottery St Andrews, Wilmcote Primary and Ettington Primary, has been designed with music as the over-arching thinking tool to develop skills, attitudes and attributes that support learning in all of the prime areas.

Music is the over-arching thinking tool but there are so many other aspects of the curriculum that come through. It encompasses all three of the prime areas; Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Communication & Language, Physical Development alongside four more specific areas as content can be specifically targeted.

MUSIC AT MILVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Warwickshire Music teachers have been working hard at Milverton Primary School this term to prepare the students for their schools music showcase concert which was held on the evening of March 14th. It was a great success and fabulous to see so much talent on show. Please let your Warwickshire Music instrumental teachers know if we can support you in preparing pupils for your school events across the year. We love to hear of your successes and want to celebrate with you!



Congratulations to Warwickshire Music pupils Gareth and Alec who won the Katie Ogden Solo Competition from the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain.

They were awarded their prizes by composer Sir Karl Jenkins CBE at the NYBB course during the Easter break!

Further information about NYBBGB click [here](#).





ROYAL
BIRMINGHAM
CONSERVATOIRE

Three students from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire have been working alongside our teachers at Nicholas Chamberlaine School in Bedworth and King Edward 6th School in Stratford upon Avon.

They have followed a programme of observations and planning that has led to the students undertaking teaching alongside their teacher mentors. The programme aims to introduce and prepare undergraduate students at to the world of instrumental teaching.

It has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence over the last few weeks and see the passion and drive they have for music education.

Students working in Bedworth were invited to play as part of the Bedworth Making Music Day and they performed the Bach Double Violin Concerto in D minor to a group of stunned young musicians and their parents. It was wonderful to provide these young people with a high-quality live music opportunity and the show our young people what is possible through dedication and hard work.



Warwickshire Music is delighted to be working in partnership with the Warwick Schools Foundation and the community singing project Warwick - A Singing Town. Jeremy Dibb is the research and Delivery Lead for WaST. Through the spring term Jeremy has been visiting Bedworth to explore the potential for Bedworth to become the second singing town in Warwickshire.

Sing for Joy

Following the success of their Singing for Health Workshop in May 2023 WaST are repeating the theme and exploring all the wonderful benefits of singing and singing together again with [Sing for Joy](#) on Sunday 21st April.

Further information about WaST and to join the event on 21st April click [here](#).



Warwickshire Youth Choirs

Warwickshire Youth Choirs had a busy Spring Term that included the launch of a new logo and website. Choir rehearsals, workshops and concerts have all been fantastic opportunities for our young people. A successful Mothers Day and Spring Concert took place on Sunday 10th March 2024 where choirs performed to a large audience at Warwick Hall, Warwick.

The spring term also saw the first live rounds of a new Singing Competition which saw outstanding performances from everyone, with the audience voting 10 individuals through to the Final Rounds on Saturday 29th June 2024. Warwickshire Youth Choirs has lots planned in the summer term. A relaunch of their Senior Choirs, and several concerts including one at the Royal Albert Hall London as well as celebrating the winner of 2024 You Can Sing!



Find more information on Warwickshire Youth Choirs [here](#).



Applications are now open for teenage musicians to take part in the greatest musical adventure by joining The National Youth Orchestra in 2025.

The orchestra welcomes applications from musicians aged 13-18 years old who play an orchestral instrument at an advanced level, equivalent to Grade 8, but with no need for formal graded exams.

Further information and application details can be found [here](#).

PLAYING IN A MUSIC GROUPS IS AN AMAZING WAY TO DEVELOP MUSICAL SKILLS AND MAKE LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS.

WARWICKSHIRE MUSIC FREE MUSIC GROUPS & ENSEMBLES – JOIN TODAY!



Warwickshire Music provide a wide range of free to access Bands, Orchestras, Rock & Pop and Steel Pan Groups to meet the ability levels of all students across Warwickshire, led by our world class team of Warwickshire Music teachers. So, whether your child is just beginning their musical journey or have reached an advance stage in their playing, we have a group they can join.

Many groups take place in our Area Music Centres across Warwickshire each week. A full list of all the music groups and ensembles available in the Warwickshire Music Hub can be found [here](#).

Area Music Centres Locations:

North Warwickshire
Music Centre
**Weddington Primary
School**
Winchester Ave
Nuneaton
CV10 0DR

East Warwickshire
Music Centre
**Rugby Free Secondary
School**
Anderson Avenue
Rugby
CV22 5PE

Central Warwickshire
Music Centre
**Kenilworth School &
Sixth Form**
Glasshouse Lane
Kenilworth
CV8 2AL

South Warwickshire
Music Centre
**Stratford-upon-Avon
Primary School**
Broad St
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 6HN

PLEASE DO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS THROUGH THE SUMMER TERM 2024 AT OUR SUMMER FESTIVAL.

WARWICKSHIRE MUSIC SUMMER TERM CONCERTS

East Warwickshire Choir Festival

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6:00pm
A celebration of singing in East Warwickshire Schools
Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby, CV21 2DD

South Warwickshire Music Centre Summer Concert

Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 6:00pm
South Warwickshire Music Centre Groups
Venue TBC

Central Warwickshire Music Centre Summer Concert

Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 4:30pm
Central Warwickshire Music Centre Groups
Venue TBC

North Warwickshire Music Centre Summer Concert

Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 6:00pm
North Warwickshire Music Centre Groups
Venue TBC

North Warwickshire Choir Festival

Thursday 27th June 2024 at 6:00pm
A celebration of singing in North Warwickshire Schools
Venue TBC

East Warwickshire Music Centre Summer Concert

Thursday 27th June 2024 at 4:30pm
East Warwickshire Music Centre Groups
St Andrew's Church, Church St, Rugby, CV21 3PT

Warwickshire County Groups Concert

Friday 28th June 2024 at 7:00pm
Warwickshire Youth String Orchestra, Warwickshire Youth Wind Band, Panissimo and Pandemonium Steel Pans
Warwick Hall, Myton Road, Warwick, CV34 6PP

Central Warwickshire Soloist Concert

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 6:00pm
A showcase of our solo performers and small groups from Central Warwickshire
Venue TBC

South Warwickshire Choir Festival

Thursday 4th July 2024 at 6:00pm
A celebration of singing in South Warwickshire Schools
Venue TBC

North Warwickshire Soloist Concerts

Friday 5th July 2024 at 4:15pm & 5:15pm
A showcase of our solo performers and small groups from North Warwickshire
Venue TBC

Warwickshire Sings!

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 01:00pm
A celebration of singing in Warwickshire
Warwick Hall, Myton Road, Warwick, CV34 6PP

East Warwickshire Soloist Concert

Date TBC
A showcase of our solo performers and small groups from North Warwickshire
Venue TBC



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