



Secondary Music Newsletter



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Happy New Year! Cough, splutter, sniff.....

Just a quick update: Please mark these dates in your diary if you haven't already.

- Please note that the **Secondary Music Best Practice forum** is on **Thursday 8th February** all morning. If you have any requests for the agenda please let me know asap. At the moment the venue is at Little Stoke...open to offers if you would like us to meet in your music department. I will send out the agenda and details soon.
- The second important date is **Wednesday 28th February**. A letter is in the system. This will be a **whole day** training at Little Stoke 9.15 – 3.00pm for music teachers on the National Strategy KS3 Music materials, which will be explored and handed out. It will be a very interactive day.
- Regional Music Education Conference. **Wednesday 11th July at Bath Spa**. Details will be emerging later this term. Workshops will include Music Technology, Gamelan, Stomp (yes the real Stompers), Singing, Using computer games to help composition (Tim Rylands). It promises to be a very good conference.
- Music Technology support. Please contact Ben at musictech@benengland.com for any support in this area. This support is only guaranteed until Easter. Examples of support could include:
 - advice on writing and setting up a business plan for applying for ICT funding at school
 - advice on setting up music technology opportunities/equipment in your department
 - advice on recording GCSE performances/compositions
 - working with MAC computers
 - Apple v PC. Which is best for your school?
 - **using the Interactive Whiteboard**
 - using Sibelius - ideas, suggestions and advanced techniques
 - using the Internet as a resource
 - is it worth getting an iPod for your department (yes!) why?
 - use of MIDI karaoke players
 - using Flash as a music teaching tool (advanced)
 - **working alongside music teachers in your school**
 - **support for a particular focus/project/unit of work**

Hope to see you all on the 8th

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