



Secondary Music Newsletter



November 2006

As we only get together 3 times a year – I thought a simple newsletter might be a way of maintaining contact. If you want to contribute in any way just send the information via email and I'll compile a newsletter as and when appropriate.

- **Congratulations** to Becky at Downend – Beth (Bethan May) was born on 23rd November at 20:18 weighing in at 7lbs 11oz. Despite being 6 days early and rather speedy, all are well and were home soon afterwards.
- The **Music Manifesto** Report 2. You should all have received a hard copy of the Manifesto in the schools post. Food for thought!
- **'How Music Works'** – Saturdays Channel 4 6.20pm
Composer Howard Goodall presents a 4 part series – 'stripping down music to its essential parts to illustrate the ways it works and how it achieves different effects.'
The programmes span the globe and history. Artists range from Mahler to Bowie, the Blues to Bulgarian folk songs and medieval choral music to disco.
- **Congratulations** to Ben England at the Grange on his appointment for **Leading Teacher** for Secondary Music Technology. If you need his support please fill in the request form and send it to me asap. This really is an opportunity not to be missed. Thank you Ben for the video clips. (The CD cover was created on Publisher – where there are lots of different templates)
- A one day regional **Music Conference** at Bath Spa will be on **Wednesday 11th July 2007**. Please put this date in your diaries – it promises to be an exciting valuable conference targeted at all music teachers from across the South West. It will not be more than £50 per delegate.
- The **KS3 Music Materials** will be launched on **Wednesday 28th February 2007**. All Secondary Music Teachers and Strategy managers from all secondary schools in South Gloucestershire will be invited. DVDs will be distributed on the day, which will consist of introducing the materials and working through some of the activities. Letters will be sent shortly to all schools.
- **Secondary Music Best Practice Forum** – the next meeting is on **Thursday 8th February 2007**. Please contact me to include any items you want discussed. Hopefully keeping you up to date via this newsletter may enable us to spend more time on specific items. If you would like to share/demonstrate something – let me know. **Congratulations** to Rachel Pound (currently working at The Ridings) who will be the Head of Music at Hanham from January and to Russell Williams (at Brimsham) who will be Acting HoD in the absence of Allison whilst on maternity leave. Please make sure you have the date in your diaries. Venue to be decided.
- **The Music Studio** at the Old School Youth Centre, Kingswood. This is part of the Youth Service and is underused. This studio is available for hire (very cheap) and maybe free at certain times. A full recording studio – with instruments – and Apple computers and software including Reason, Pro Tools, Logic. Ring/email June Yeoman if you are interested in having a look and using the facilities.
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- Year 5/6 pupils identified as **G & T in music** have been attending some Music Technology workshops with Sven at SBL. Past workshops have used GarageBand, but these are using the free recording software 'Audacity'. You are welcome to pop in and find out how they get on. (1 – 3 pm) There have been two this term and others are planned for term 3 – the first being the 18th January. 2007. Please contact Sven if you are interested.
- **Artsmark** – Artsmark is a joint venture focussing on Music, Dance, Drama & Art and Design. Two of our secondary schools have gold Artsmark already. There will be a meeting on 6th February at Little Stoke for primary and secondary schools 4.00 – 5.45 with an Arts Officer to discuss what Arts mark is all about and how to get support to fill in the application form! Letters will be sent out to all schools soon. For more information go to www.artsmark.org.uk
- www.teachers.tv Check out some of the programmes. There are a lot of programmes focussing on music. Type in music in the search box and every programme with a musical aspect will appear. Remember you can download them and watch them on line. The resources are worth investigating and can be printed off. I enclose the list of the top 50 music web sites for you to browse through!
- **007 Heaven in your Classroom** – To mark the event of the new **James Bond** film this month (which is fantastic!), a free interactive DVD ROM is being sent to 12,000 teachers of English, media and music at Key Stages 3 & 4. This resource includes a 30 minute documentary and an interactive section where pupils can manipulate sound elements from the film to create a soundtrack for particular elements from the film to create a soundtrack for particular scenes. Look out for it – could be useful! I have ordered copies for everyone, but no sign of them yet.
- **Classroom music** – (magazine for secondary Music) has the following articles in the recent Volume 3 issue 3. I have a copy if you need more information. classroom@rhinegold.co.uk

Syllabus update – Edexcel

The rights and wrongs of copyright

Using ICT to spice up the syllabus

An Ofsted survival guide

Universities – advice on auditions and interviews

KS3 keyboard skills

KS3 Music and moods

GCSE composition – balancing ICT and traditional methods

AS OCR A guide to Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in E^b

AS/A2: An integrated approach to teaching set works

AS/OCR: solo vocal work music from 1945 to the present day

Don't forget to have some fun at Christmas. Karaoke can provide quite a few Christmas songs for a treat!
Good luck with the Christmas Festivities/Concerts. Keep in touch with each other. See you next year!

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