

## Secondary Music February 2009

Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that Christmas was just a few weeks ago! Please share the contents of this news update with your colleagues.

### Secondary Music Best Practice Forums

The Spring forum is on the 4<sup>th</sup> March will be at SBL school. We will be spending the first hour updating information and current issues and then breaking into groups for some technology input. (Please note the starting time will be 9.00 am – an agenda will be with you shortly. With the help from Apple, Ben and Sven there will be hands on activities for Apple Mac and PC users. Please fill in the enclosed form if there is anything in particular you would like support on, so resources can be prepared in advance.

The Summer forum on 18<sup>th</sup> June happens to be the same day as A2 Music listening exam (Edexcel). Rearranging the date has been proposed and will be discussed (briefly!) and finalised at the next meeting in March.

### Sing Up News!

95% of primary and infants schools in South Gloucestershire have registered for Sing Up. 25 schools are currently collecting evidence for a Sing Up Award. There are over 200 songs in the song bank now. Are you singing with your Year 7s?

### Wider Opportunities

The Music Service provide a range of whole-class instrumental and vocal opportunities for primary schools as part of the Wider Opportunities Programme.

A few secondary colleagues have been able to visit a few of the projects for their own professional development and to see and hear what is happening in their feeder schools. All music staff are welcome to visit and join in - samba, djembe, fife, ukulele, recorder, brass, string. Schools in Locality 2 are having 5 weeks vocal project ' Lets Sing ' during the Spring terms 3 & 4. Please contact Julia Bowen at the Music Service for more information.

### Awards for young Musicians

This is a Bristol based organisation who support young instrumentalists (between the age of 5 and 18) making music in any genre. If you have a pupil who can clearly show that they are really talented, committed and need financial help with their music expenses - they need to apply by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009. All applications are means tested. Application forms and

further information is available on the web site.  
<http://www.a-y-m.org>



### RockIT 2008

**Congratulations** to the school bands 'Boiling Point' (Kingsfield) and 'Destructive Minds' (Filton High) for coming joint second in the South West regional finals announced on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Both bands put up blogs, video and information on the web site. Votes were collected by texting the name of the band. It must be our turn to win next year! Check out the web site and alert any bands who may wish to enter in the Autumn for RockIT 2009!

<http://www.swgfl.org.uk/rockit2008/>

Consolation for 'Destructive Minds' came in the form of winning the Band Showcase hosted by Bradley Stoke Community School on the same evening competing with bands from all the local schools. We certainly have a lot of talented bands in our schools. Any rehearsal time and performance opportunities you can provide for bands in your schools will be welcomed. Do we have any girls in bands?



### Congratulations to pupils Claire Green

(Marlwood) and Will Haskins (Kingsfield) who scooped the top two places beating competition from more than 1,800 hopefuls from a round the country! Claire (winner) will now have her composition performed at an awards ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Claire and Will had to put music to a one minute film extract (8 to choose from) and after they were shortlisted, the public voted online for their favourite before judges made their choice. Marlwood school will receive a multipack of Sibelius software plus keyboards, speakers and software. Use Claires winning entry to inspire your pupils! All runners up can also be listened to at:

[http://www.sibelius.com/competition/student\\_composer/2008/index.html](http://www.sibelius.com/competition/student_composer/2008/index.html)



### Making more of music

An evaluation of music in schools 2005 /08

Enclosed is the report released on 4<sup>th</sup> February. It

can be downloaded at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk>  
Some interesting reading to be discussed and shared.

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### MUSIC & ICT

If you have any requests for advice, tips that you would like some support on, please write them down below and return the form to Christine Wright asap

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