



**DURHAM
MUSIC** SERVICE

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PROVISION 2024-25**

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“ As a school without a music specialist we struggled to provide pupils with the rich hands-on experiences of music they needed. Durham Music Service have filled that gap in so many ways.

The music teachers we work with are highly knowledgeable, experienced and have an excellent rapport with pupils and staff alike. A bespoke programme of support has enabled our pupils from Nursery to Year 6 to access a range of skills, build on progression and develop a love of music. ”

Mrs J Shaw, Head Teacher,
Catchgate Primary School

Further programme details can be found at
www.durhammusic.org.uk

Provision for Schools from Durham Music Service

Welcome to Durham Music Service’s exciting array of music programmes for the 2024-25 academic year!

We are dedicated to fostering a musical environment where every child can excel and overcome any obstacles they encounter on their musical journey. Our diverse programmes are designed to spark curiosity and creativity in every child, enhancing not just their musical abilities but also their communication skills. At the core of our approach is hands-on music-making, ensuring a fun, skill-building, and progressive experience for all. Our excellent programmes are here to assist in the development of your school’s Music Development Plan.

Excitingly, we are introducing a new Instrumental Learning Strategy, allowing any student to continue their musical journey after whole class lessons to do so in an engaging and enjoyable manner.

We are committed to making high-quality music education accessible to all, so we offer all schools an amount of fully subsidised teaching hours. A team member will soon be in touch to tailor our services to your school and students’ specific needs.

Michael Summers
Manager of Music Education
Durham Music Service

 **8,000**
musical
instruments
on loan

13,000
pupils
taught
each week 


1433
new pupils
Autumn 2023





TINY FINGERS

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For your youngest learners in EYFS, we provide fun and engaging music sessions to develop musical skills and relationships through musical games, songs and rhymes. The sessions focus on aspects of learning and development as detailed in Musical Development Matters: Hearing and Listening; Vocalising and Singing; Moving and Dancing and Exploring and Playing.

Sessions also include time for the Music Service teacher and EY staff in the setting to reflect on the children's musical development together and work in partnership to achieve the best quality Early Years music provision for the children.

HALF TERM

585

A series of music sessions which can be used as a springboard for musical learning throughout the year and will help to embed music within your setting.

ONE TERM

1,150

More time to develop the fundamentals of pulse, rhythm and pitch, using classroom percussion, singing and movement.

WHOLE YEAR PROGRAMME

3,050

A whole year of provision:

This can be for one class or split between classes across the year.

CURRICULUM & TOPIC WORKSHOPS

210 per hour

Please contact us for details.

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LITTLE FINGERS

“ The Tiny Fingers and Little Fingers programmes of work have caught the imagination of pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Pupils in Key stage 2 have weekly sessions with an imaginative and popular singing teacher who plans, assesses and supports teachers.

A first class service - thank you. ”

Mrs J Shaw,
Head Teacher,
Catchgate Primary School

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LITTLE FINGERS

Little Fingers is a programme designed for your young learners in KS1 and can build on musical learning and development from the Tiny Fingers programme.

Musical skills are learnt through singing games and rhymes and by developing children's confidence in using untuned percussion instruments. Your young learners in KS1 will develop their musical skills through fun and engaging sessions planned with reference to the DMS Primary Curriculum and Progress Map and Model Music Curriculum. Your staff can also benefit from developing their confidence in music at the same time.

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Our introductory package:

A structured series of lessons that can be used as a springboard for music lessons throughout the year.

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FIRST ACCESS

“ The brass lessons were so inspiring for the children. From the very first note, the teacher had them captivated and wanting to play more. The sheer joy on the children’s faces every week when they knew it was music time was fantastic.

Whole class brass has certainly been a success and I would recommend it to other schools. Children are now performing in small groups in school and local settings.”

Louise Robinson,
Deputy Head Teacher,
Shotton Primary School

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PRIMARY: FIRST ACCESS

Every child can explore the magic of instrumental learning as part of the First Access scheme. These programmes introduce pupils to instrumental learning in a fun and inclusive way. They are carefully designed to develop pupils’ love of, confidence and progress in music, while also enhancing their personal and educational development as a whole. Options include:

- Recorder • Strings • Ukulele • Guitar • Voice
- Woodwind • Wind Band • Brass • Percussion • Digital, Rock and Pop

Sessions include a wide variety of musical activities and build musical understanding in a progressive and fun way. The use of voice is integral to the sessions and can contribute to overall vocal development within your school. Each school can access subsidised teaching time to put towards our range of programmes (dependent on school size). Every school will be contacted with details of their subsidy.

PRICING

1 hour per week for the year	3,050
1 hour per week for the year with 2 teachers WIND BAND programme	4,955
1.5 hours per week for the year (2x45mins)	4,525
2 hours per week for the year	5,860
3 hours per week for the year	8,630
4 hours per week for the year	11,610
5 hours per week for the year	14,090

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PROGRESSION

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PRIMARY: PROGRESSION

To make the very best of your First Access programme, Durham Music Service has created several pathways for progression that best suit the needs of your pupils:

WHOLE CLASS INSTRUMENTAL TEACHING

Pupils can continue their instrumental learning as a whole class, similar to First Access. Pricing structure as first access tuition.

LARGE GROUP TUITION

Pupils can learn in larger groups funded by the school.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

Pupils can continue with other musical activities from our enrichment programme including after school music clubs. Please see page 23 for more details.

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSONS

NEW for 2024. We are delighted to announce a brand new pathway for young musicians from whole class programmes launching in Sept 2024.

DURHAM MUSIC SERVICE GROUPS

Playing and singing together is one of the best things about learning a musical instrument. Durham Music Service offers a wide range of free-to-access groups across Durham and Darlington for pupils in all instruments and standards.

To find out more, check out
www.durhammusic.org.uk

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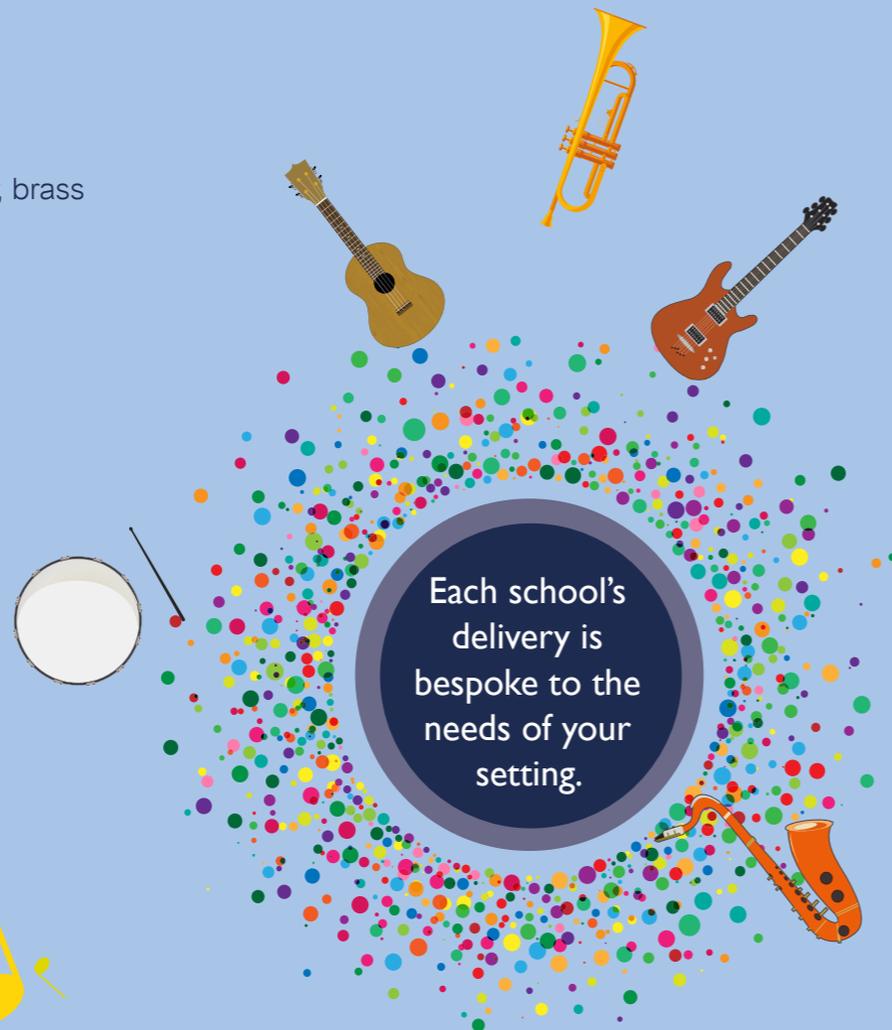
SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Musical activity gives powerful, validating, multi-sensory and kinaesthetic experiences to children with SEND, supporting the development of the whole child.

Durham Music Service has created a range of programmes to help develop and support music in your school. This is enhanced by a range of performance opportunities outside the classroom such as the Big Sign and Sing and SEND Showcase days.

All schools are entitled to subsidised teaching, please contact us for details.

- ASC - Developing Communication Skills
- KS1/KS2 Music Curriculum
- African Drumming - whole class
- Ukulele - whole class
- Brass - whole class
- Rock Band Project
- KS3 Music Curriculum
- Instrumental Tuition - drum, guitar, brass
- Music Technology
- CPD



OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

SHOWCASE DAY

Schools come together in a day of performance and workshops to share the fun of making music together.

BIG SIGN AND SING

Special schools from across the North East are inspired and enthused at Durham Vocal Festival.

CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

A variety of topic and curriculum based workshops.

LIVE MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS

Durham Music Service musicians performing live for whole school concerts.

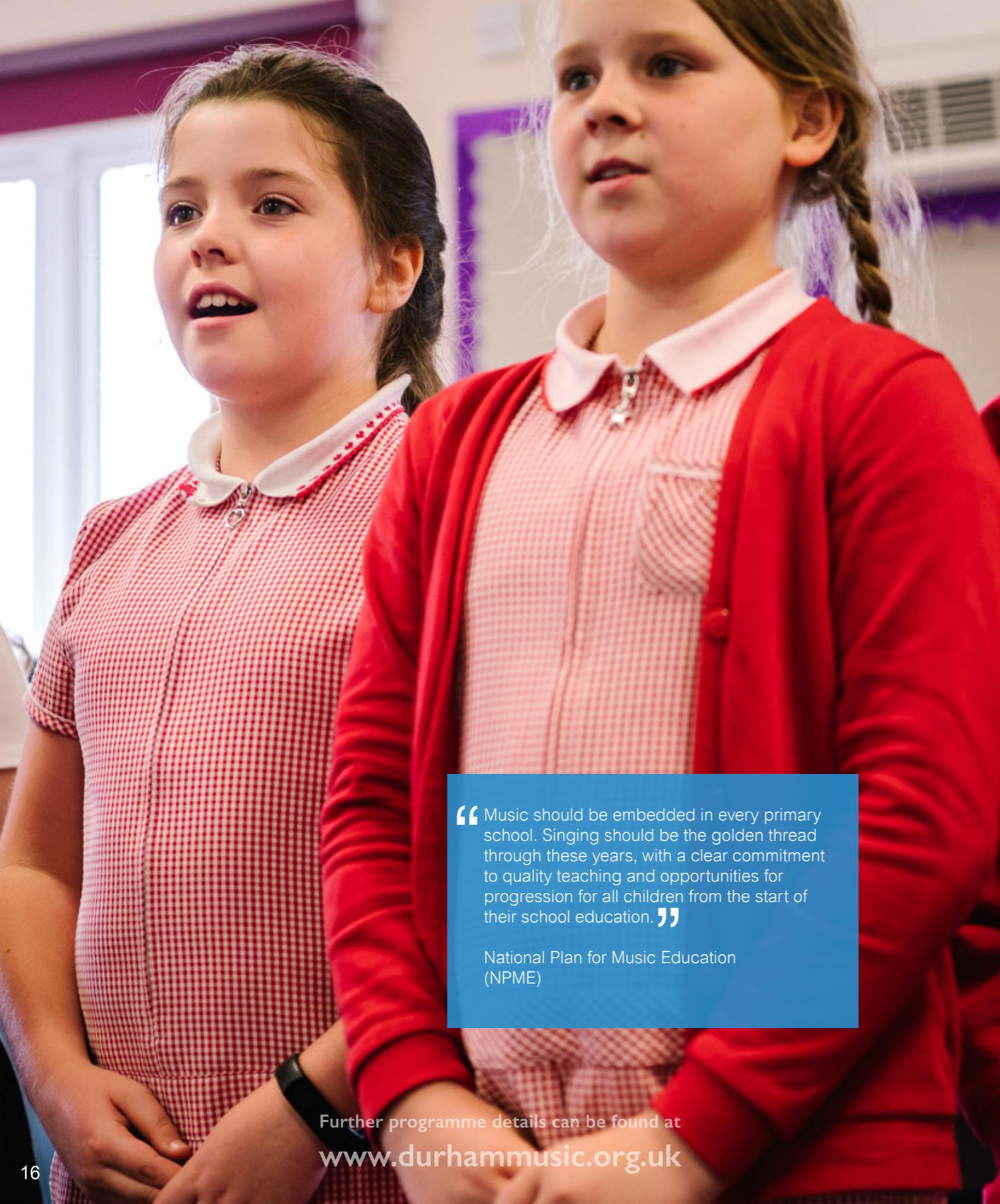
BRASS ENSEMBLE DAY

Brass students from Special Schools can access this fun ensemble day.



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“ Music should be embedded in every primary school. Singing should be the golden thread through these years, with a clear commitment to quality teaching and opportunities for progression for all children from the start of their school education. ”

National Plan for Music Education (NPME)

Further programme details can be found at
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SINGING IN SCHOOLS

Singing together is a fantastic way to learn about music, bring your school community together and to support wellbeing for students and staff. We offer a variety of singing programmes from EYFS through to Secondary. Use one of our specialist DMS Vocal Leaders to help you support your childrens' singing, or train up one of your own school staff to support school singing.

SCHOOL CHOIR

2,280 45 minutes per week. 3050 1 hour per week

Support in setting up your own choir: Start a new legacy of choral singing at your school! Work with a DMS singing specialist and gain experience and confidence to run your own school choir.

MUSICAL PLAYGROUNDS

1,310 1 term

Sing, dance and laugh with our programme of outdoor singing games! As well as learning about music, children will learn together and develop peer learning skills.

KS2 CHOIR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

40

CHRISTMAS BIG SING AT USHAW HISTORIC HOUSE

235

Join other schools for a festive Christmas Carol celebration with DMS live band! Song resources will be sent out in advance. Bring a class or your school choir, 30 spaces per school. Limited spaces- book early!!!

SUMMER BIG SING AT USHAW HISTORIC HOUSE

235

Similar to the Christmas Big Sing; joining with other schools to have the singing experience of a lifetime! Singing with a live band and learning some fantastic feel good songs! Bring a class or your school choir, 30 spaces per school. Limited spaces- book early!!!

DURHAM VOCAL FESTIVAL 2025

A range of educational opportunities for schools.

VARIOUS VOCAL CPD/ TRAINING

Opportunities on our CPD page. This can be bespoke to your school's singing needs.



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DIGITAL, ROCK AND POP

Durham Music offers a wide range of modern and digital music making opportunities. From one off rock band days, to longer digital composition there is something for every child to explore and create.

DIGITAL MUSIC CREATION

2,280 45 minutes per week. 3,050 1 hour per week

Our Digital Music Creation programmes are designed specifically for primary school children. Using innovative and accessible software we offer young students the opportunity to explore music through composition, beat-making, arranging and other creative classroom projects. It's an extremely effective way to develop their understanding and love of music.

ROCK BAND IN A DAY

350 / 585

Workshop encompassing performing, arranging and composing. Whole or half day.

ROCK GIG

240

Have the DMS Rock Band visit your school to create a Rock gig in your school hall.

SONG WRITING COURSE

POA

We will guide you through the process of composing, performing and recording your own school song.

ROCK CHOIR

2,280 45 minutes per week. 3,050 1 hour per week

Kick start or re-energise your school choir with Rock & Pop technique and repertoire.

FIRST ACCESS GUITAR/PERCUSSION/VOCALS

3,050

Whole class instrumental learning a wide variety of musical activities, with a Rock & Pop flavour.



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DMS VIRTUAL

Recent times have shown that creativity can continue and thrive online! Durham Music Service is delighted to enhance our face-to-face delivery with an exciting range of virtual musical opportunities. DMS Partners (schools who subscribe to our in-school provision beyond their subsidy) receive substantial discounts on DMSV.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

210 1 hour

Topics brought to life through interactive streamed workshops.

VIRTUAL BIG UKULELE DAY: ONE BIG STRUM!

60 partner

115 non-partner

With over 2000 ukuleles played in our schools, we know it is one of our most popular instruments! Join us live from your school in a whole lot of strumming fun!

VIRTUAL BIG BRASS DAY

60 partner

115 non-partner

Brass playing is in our blood in the North East! Our Big Brass Day, part of Brass 2024 will enable all our young brass players to be part of this fabulous international festival.

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ENRICHMENT

Musical enrichment opportunities enhance your music provision and form an important part of your Music Development Plan. At Durham Music Service we offer a wide range of enrichment activity, both in and out of class. Sessions can be regular weekly or 'one off' events such as workshops, concert performances and Arts Week events.

PERCUSSION

1017 1 term 1 hour per week (1class). 1508 1 Term 1.5 per week (2 classes).
African and Samba Beats.

MUSICAL PLAYGROUNDS

1,235 1 term
Create musical buddies in the playground with free resource pack and CPD.

SCHOOL CHOIR

2,280 45 minutes, 3,050 1 hour

WORKSHOPS

210 per hour, 350 half day, 585 whole day
A variety of topic and curriculum-based workshops.

LIVE MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS

240 per concert
Durham Music Service musicians performing live for whole school concerts.

MUSIC CLUB

2,280 45 minutes per week, 3,050 1 hour per week

SCHOOL MUSIC GROUP

2,280 45 minutes per week, 3,050 1 hour per week
Create your own school group with help from of our experienced teachers.

ROCK WORKSHOP

Create your own **School of Rock!**
Workshop encompassing performing, arranging and composing.
Whole or half day. Contact us for pricing details.



Would you like some enrichment activities not listed here? Get in touch, we can help!

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CPD

Durham Music Service offers a wide range of training sessions designed to help you develop an engaging music curriculum. The school-based sessions can be booked as one-offs or in a series across the school year. Each session is one hour and can take place after school or during the school day for whole staff training or designated teachers. In addition to our listed CPD programmes, we offer fully bespoke sessions. Contact us to find out more.

210 1 hour, 315 1.5 hours, 420 half day, 65 Vocal CPD Ushaw, 635 whole day

CHARANGA

1h staff meeting

Our trainers will work with you to develop a session (or series of sessions) that will help you to get the very best out of Charanga resources.

The session(s) will be interactive and will equip you to use charanga effectively to support your children's musical learning.

MUSIC SKILLS FOR STAFF

1h staff meeting

Very practical session(s) where you will take part in fun musical activities you can use with your classes straightaway. Learn key musical vocabulary and develop your own musical skills and knowledge.

AN INTRODUCTION TO EARLY YEARS MUSIC

1h staff meeting

This session is a fun and interactive introduction to Early Years Music.

You will explore how to choose appropriate repertoire and plan a music lesson.

The training will include lots of practical ideas to use straightaway in your settings.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SCHOOL IPADS AND LAPTOPS

1 hr staff meeting.

Learn to use your school laptops and Ipads to create music and capture pupils' creativity.

This CPD course is designed to help you become more confident and familiar with user friendly music technology software.



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SINGING

1.5 hours 65 per school (send up to 3 members of staff). Sessions at Ushaw Interactive singing CPD for the singing leaders in your school. For both experienced singers and those new to singing. Excellent for networking with other teachers delivering singing! All three dates will be on the Durham Music website from September 2023.

Autumn term: Singing for the terrified

Spring term: Developing your school choir

Summer term: Singing Resources for classroom or whole school

DEVELOPING YOUR WHOLE SCHOOL MUSIC PLAN

1h staff meeting

The National Plan for Music Education states that all schools should have a Whole School Music Plan. This session will help you create an effective and progression plan for all music activity in your school.

SETTING UP AND RUNNING A MUSIC GROUP IN SCHOOL

1h Head/music lead

The National Plan for Music Education 2 is clear that every school should be running both a regular school choir and a music group/band. This can be very daunting and this session with your Head and or Music Lead will get you started.

BESPOKE CPD

1h, half day, whole day

Please get in touch if you would like some bespoke musical CPD. It may be that you are happy with most aspects but would like support with composition techniques. Or maybe when you've audited your provision (for your Whole School Music Plan) you would like to know how to set up and run a school music group.

More advanced CPD is available for software such as Logic, Cubase, Cakewalk and Reason. Contact us to find out more.

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Durham Music Service believes that music makes a difference, that every child deserves the opportunity to make music and we're committed to making music accessible and inclusive. We provide high quality and inclusive musical education for over 13,000 pupils each week and work with over 300 schools across County Durham and Darlington.

We provide a wide range of music groups, including orchestras, choirs, wind and brass bands as well as percussion, strings and special school groups, and also work in partnership with schools to support school musical groups.

Durham Music Trust is the charitable arm of **Durham Music Service** and registered with the Charity Commission. We aim to support the work of Durham Music Service by providing life-changing musical experiences and performance opportunities. To find out more about the work of **Durham Music Trust** please see our website or contact us.

All schools will be contacted by Durham Music Service with full details of programmes and available subsidies.

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