

SWINDON MUSIC SERVICE

An official SMS publication 2021



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Foreword by the CEO

I would like to extend a huge thank you from me and the trustees for your hard work throughout this academic year. It has been a very disruptive and turbulent time for us all. The feeling has been one of **'on-the-bus - off-the bus'** in terms of lockdowns. That said, we have been impressed with the way in which you have all coped and have been receptive to different ways of offering our services to children and young people.

I'm sure that you will agree that the trustees board has worked hard to support you all through the furlough scheme with the uplift offered to ensure you got some form of stability in terms of your monthly income.

Let's hope we have turned-the-corner now and that we start to see a bit more normality once we return in September.



SMS tutor work in schools 2021/22

School Orders - Overall, schools have ordered a little more in 2021-22 compared to 2020-21. What is encouraging is that, despite the disruptive year, schools have ordered more than the previous year. Most, if not all, of you will have increased workload, which should offer further stability for you in the coming year.

Individual Tuition - This appears to be a growth area at the moment. If having scheduled all your current work offers from SMS you have some spare capacity, do let us know. We would like to offer opportunities to our existing tutors first before looking for new ones to come on board SMS.

We will also be offering a special programme for brass individual and paired tuition that is also linked to SYM to try and kick-start more brass learning in Swindon - more about this in our next eNews.

Inclusion Review

Most of you will have had an interview with Dr Phil Mullen along with the following:

- Ultimate Tuition
- JTP Trust
- The Deputy Mayor of Swindon
- 2 parents from SEND Family support group
- 3 trustees
- SLT of the music service

We will be getting the draft review paper in late September and a 4-year action plan in October

New initiatives for next year

Most of you will now be aware of the DfE **New Model Music Curriculum (MMC)**. If you haven't seen this, you can find out more by clicking the button



Do remind yourself of these before you go into schools in September, as you may be asked questions about the MMC.

Schools Outreach Officers - As a part of their new work, these officers, along with Paul, Lynn and myself, will be developing and supporting schools with classroom resources and on line CPD materials.



JTP Trust - One of our hub partners has also developed a programme to assist schools with this new initiative.



Our new Fundraising Strategy

This new strategy will support our 4-year inclusion plan once Dr Mullen has produced it.

We have also developed a fundraising campaign called **'Vivace'** where individuals can fundraise for this cause. We will be producing a fundraising pack where individuals can set up their own activity event.

On our website, there is an area called **'How You Can Help'**. Some sections are still being developed and should be ready soon.

- **How you can help**

Click

- **Vivace Campaign**

Click

- **Swindon Champion School**

Click

- **Corporate Giving**

Click

Our fundraising strategy is set up in partnership with **JustGiving** to collect donations, run crowdfunding and fundraising events for the charity and also to gain gift aid through the process. We are also registered with the



In addition to the Vivace campaign, we have partnered with Amazon Smile and with the local Swindon Community lottery

How could you help as tutors?

1. If you shop on line with Amazon, do this through AmazonSmile - it cost you nothing and the. charity receives funds directly from Amazon.
2. If you fancy a small 'flutter' do the Swindon Community Lottery and see funds allocated to the charity at no additional cost to you.
3. If you are thinking of doing a charitable fundraising event/activity, why not sign up to the Vivace campaign and help children and young people access musical learning where they would ordinarily not be able to afford it. For every £1 you raise the charity will match it by another £1 seeing your amount double.
4. If you are feeling charitable and want to simply give a one-off donation, or set up a monthly donation.

Amazon Smile

Swindon Community
Lottery

Vivace campaign

Donation

Click on the buttons above to see more

Supporting Music Hub Delivery Partners

Since April 2021, we have provided grant funding to the value of **£44k** to some of our partners in support of delivering the National Plan for Music Education (NPME).

The following grants have been awarded:

- £30k Charanga to provide all primary school hub members with free access to the eLearning platform
- £2k Focus on Sound to provide all secondary school hub members with free access to the eLearning platform
- £4k to JTP Trust (in support of the hub's singing strategy and inclusion)
- £3k to Ultimate Tuition (in support of continuation and inclusion)
- £3k to Holmes Music (in support continuation and inclusion)
- £2k Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra outreach (concert for GCSE students)
- £600 School song downloads

SYM & Out-of-School tuition - Lynn Hawkins

As SYM has now come to the end for this academic year, may I echo the CEO's words of 'Thanks' for all your incredible work during this most difficult of times.

We awarded just the headline awards this year, as most tutors agreed that it was hard to award some of the other awards as we have had so little contact.

- **Rory Viggers won Best Rock School Performer**
- **Alex Frankin won Best Junior**
- **Carmen Lee won Best Senior**
- **Sabastian Scanlon won Best All Round Musician.**

Well done to all of our students, they have been amazing and certainly kept our spirits up!

We also had some very good feedback from MFY on our video wall entries. The videos are still available to see on the MFY website if you missed them.

I am constantly asked what September will look like for SYM. I am working on a new timetable, but we will also need to keep our 'Plan B' at the ready, as we just don't know what guidance we will need to follow. I will keep you all informed as we go through the summer break.

CPD Day - Paul Rowe

As per the email already sent to you all, the CPD day this year will be **Thursday 2nd September 2021**. The morning will be for school-based tutors and the afternoon for SYM tutors. You will be sent a more detailed agenda nearer the time. We ask for the maximum possible attendance at this please as there will be important business to discuss, as always. Payment will be via SMS e-timesheet claim (CPD rate), per hour of attendance, to a maximum of 5 hours if you are needed for both morning and afternoon. Although we can't be 100% sure at the moment, uncertainty over Covid-19 does make it likely that we will hold the sessions 'virtually' via Zoom, as we did in 2020.

New Charity Shop

Swindon Music Service is a not-for-profit Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) working to ensure all children and young people get the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and/or sing. Through our charitable work, we ensure the funds raised go towards our fundraising strategy: Vivace campaign. The shop has three departments as follows:

- SYM Items
- Second hand musical instruments
- Musical Instrument Accessories

SYM Logo items

The shop stock will change from time to time.



Instruments for sale

We occasionally get musical instruments donated to us that may become available for sale. In addition, we sometimes allow some of our musical instrument stock to be sold off to go back into the Vivace campaign.

Instrumental accessories

Musical instrument accessories can be purchased here. To view what's on offer click the button:
Instrument accessories

Click the button to view the shop items

[Charity Shop](#)

Bottles

Stainless Steel Bottles – £10.00



Sistema = £8.50 / £9.00 personalised



2021/2022



KEY

- Teaching weeks
- Lesson makeup weeks
- School holidays
- No.** Saturday music school and SYM weeks
- No.** SYM RockPod & Rock School weeks
- SYM end of term concert
- Rock School end of term concert