

Music

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see message below from the **MTCBC Music Service** for those pupils who usually have music lessons in school:

We have developed a **MENU (Music Education Needs Us)** of materials, resources, guidance and on line learning tools for instrumental and vocal pupils to use during the period of school closures. For those who have music lessons with our Peripatetic Music teachers please check our website regularly so they don't miss out when the learning tools are published. The website to check is:

<https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/resident/schools-and-learning/music-service-instrumental-and-vocal-provision/>

Our aim as a Music Service is to keep our community making music by delivering music in a variety of ways because as we all know, it's at times like this that we all need to keep playing instruments and singing for the benefit of our health and well-being.

The Merthyr Tydfil Youth Music Spring concert planned for April had to be cancelled but we (Peripatetic staff) are 'meeting' virtually with the young MTYMusic members at our usual rehearsal time for a musically themed quiz to as our way of keeping in touch. Also, the Peri staff have recorded a specially created arrangement of 'Livin' On A Prayer' which has been released on MTCBC social media and will be performed live by Peri staff and students at the next MTYMusic concert.

Making Music with the Marvellous Merthyr Music 'MENU' - Music Education Needs Us

1. 1-small groups remote lesson delivery

For existing pupils we are hoping that later in the term pupils will be access to live 'one to small group' lessons where Music Service instrumental and vocal tutors will teach remotely to several pupils at a time with parents present via a reputable video conferencing platform

2. 1 - L.A. Hub workshop delivery

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4. Continued use of Charanga

Weekly uploads of new material by staff, pupil progress monitoring, instrument and vocal specific programmes, Summer Term scheme of work for each year group, plenty to stimulate pupils' creative sides whilst in Hubs and at home; Charanga have developed an 'Independent learners' suite of resources especially for Covid-19. We would like to open our offer of creating individual pupil logins for this amazing resource to **all year groups in all Merthyr schools**. Please send us your class lists and we can create logins so that pupils can access tailored programmes of fun musical activities 24/7.

5. Technique/warm-up videos via Charanga login/"private" YouTube link

The following instrumental/vocal instructional and informative activities are available remotely to existing Music students at home:

- a. 5-10 minutes of 'warm-up wonders' videos for pupils to access to keep their playing on track
- b. 5-10 minutes of 'tap into technique' videos for pupils access to keep their playing on track
- c. 'Music Minus One' backing tracks for solo and ensemble rehearsal via "private" YouTube link sent directly to pupils and parents/carers

6. Massed performance opportunities

The following instrumental activity is available remotely to existing Music students at home and for all MTYM members:

Music copies are available to practice for 'Over The Rainbow' to play on Thursdays @ 8pm in the nation's 'Clap for NHS heroes'; a newly created piece of music for all instrumental pupils to learn for our next concert; a weekly quiz on Zoom with Peri staff to which all school young musicians are invited to join, email music.service@merthyr.gov.uk for details

Best wishes

Mrs Jones and the Music Service team

