

Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



Secondary Edition Summer 2019

Welcome to the Music and Arts Newsletter for secondary schools.

Creative Thinking and Creativity

In 2021, the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) will include an assessment of creative thinking. This will give status to an area of learning that has become side-lined.

The University of Winchester, have been working with PISA to pinpoint what creativity is: “Creative thinking is what you do when you are being creative, and creativity is the outcome of this.” Professor Bill Lucas, [The Value of Creative Thinking](#), Arts Professional

Creativity is identified as a twenty-first century skill. Our children and young people need to have the ability to think creatively, collaborate and communicate effectively if they are to navigate the increasingly complex world in which we live. The Creative Industries are the fastest growing part of the UK economy and twenty-first century skills are attributes which all employers are looking for.

The arts support the development of creative thinking skills (such as imagination, curiosity, exploration, testing out, practising and refining). The renewed focus from Ofsted on curriculum, may be a useful ‘way in’ for schools to develop their arts curriculum.

News Round Up

City of Leeds Youth Music Auditions

ArtForms is proud to manage City of Leeds Youth Music (CLYM) groups on behalf of the [Leeds Music Education Partnership](#). These ensembles meet weekly during the Leeds term time and offer the highest level of music-making opportunities to young people in Leeds aged 19 and under.

The City of Leeds Youth Orchestra (CLYO) and City of Leeds Youth Wind Orchestra (CLYWO) will be holding auditions on Saturday 22nd June 2019 at Pudsey Civic Hall. CLYO generally play at Grade 5-6 standard and above, and CLYWO at around Grade 4-5 standard and above, although there is no strict criteria for entry and applicants do not need to have taken any formal exams. Please encourage pupils playing at a suitable level to apply. Young people living in Leeds or attending a Leeds school will be given preference.

For further information please see the [information sheet and application form](#). The deadline for applications is 2pm on Friday 31st May 2019. If you have any questions, please contact catherine.lloyd@leeds.gov.uk.

Free Windrush Workshops

The Geraldine Connor Foundation are offering secondary schools in Leeds the opportunity to participate in free interactive workshops about the Windrush Generation, migration and the global movement of people. Each workshop lasts for one hour and is suitable for one class of pupils. The school will need to provide a space which can accommodate pupils moving about and the Geraldine Connor Foundation can work with up to 4 classes throughout day. The offer is available until National Windrush Day on the 22nd June 2019. If you wish to make a booking or have any questions, please contact selina@gcfoundation.co.uk or call 0113 2431166.

For further information, an [introduction](#) to Windrush can be found here. There are also teaching resources about Windrush available on [My Learning](#).

Yorkshire Sculpture International

Eighteen of the world's most exciting sculptors are bringing their work to Yorkshire for the first ever Yorkshire Sculpture International and there are lots of ways your school can get involved.

This is a great opportunity to participate in a range of schools workshops and activities from Leeds Art Gallery, the Henry Moore Institute, The Hepworth

Wakefield and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. For full details about the schools offer, please visit the [Yorkshire Sculpture International website](#).

Student from Yorkshire Sculpture International engagement project in Kimsooja exhibition, Yorkshire Sculpture Park (Photo credit: Nick Singleton, 2019)



Music and Arts in Action



Abbey Grange Academy student wins national public speaking competition!



ArtForms Music Hosts Secondary Singing Day

Out of School Opportunities

Breeze Has Talent Auditions

[Breeze has Talent](#) is back for 2019! For the 12th fantastic year we are reaching out for young people of Leeds aged between 8 and 19 years old to come and show us what they are made of!

The Breeze Has Talent 2019 Auditions are open for registration and will take place on Saturday 15th June at White Rose Centre. Please book your audition place [here](#).

The competition offers young people a great opportunity to perform in front of live audiences, build confidence and find their unique style. Past contestants have gone on to perform on stages around the world.

Interested in working in the screen industry?

'Beyond Brontës' is an exciting new programme designed to break down the barriers that can prevent young people, aged 18 - 24, in Yorkshire from entering the screen industries. Designed to work for people with college and work commitments it will include bespoke industry mentoring, a skills development programme, targeted support, a new network, bursaries where necessary and high-level masterclasses. Further information and application form are available [here](#). Applications are open until 03 June 2019.

Leeds student organises fundraiser for Elidh's Trust

Lanre Adeleye, a Leeds student, is hosting "Eilidh's Show" at the Chapel FM Arts Centre, Old Seacroft Chapel, York Road, Leeds LS14 6JB on Friday, July 19, at 7:30 PM. For more information about the event, please click [here](#).

Training Updates

Arts Award Resources: For those of you interested in Arts Award, a new resource has been put together to support schools to deliver Bronze Arts Award in KS3. For more information, please visit the [Arts Award website](#).



Secondary: Art Subject Leader Development Meeting

11/07/2019 08:45 - 15:30

Corpus Christi Catholic College, Neville Road, Leeds, LS9 0TT



Secondary: Drama Conference 2019

05/07/2019 09:30 - 16:00

University of Leeds, Stage@Leeds, 18 Cromer Terrace, Leeds, LS2 9JS



Secondary: Music Conference 2019

02/07/2019 08:30 - 15:30

Leeds College of Music, 3 Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7PD

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