

Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



Secondary Edition Autumn 2019

Welcome to the Music and Arts Newsletter for secondary schools.

Why extra curricular activities matter

The importance of extra-curricular activity is explored in this report from the Social Mobility Commission: [An Unequal Playing Field: Extra-Curricular Activities, Soft Skills and Social Mobility](#)

One of the best bits about childhood is doing the things you enjoy outside of the classroom. Yet research suggests that children and young people (C&YP) from disadvantaged backgrounds never get the chance. As a result they lose out on benefits including increased confidence; aspirations to go onto higher or further education; a sense of health and well being and belonging; and the development of 'soft skills'. Extra-curricular activities are also vital for C&YP to develop networks which those from affluent backgrounds may already have.

C&YP engaged in the research reported that extra-curricular activities give them the opportunity to have fun and relieve the stresses of their pressurised school lives. However, the research indicates that there is a direct link between household income and participation with children from the poorest households much less likely to take part in any extra-curricular activity.

The report makes 4 recommendations including increasing the organisational capacity of schools to support their extra-curricular provision and improve information on the availability of activity in local areas

In Leeds, there is a wealth of extra curricular activities for C&YP to access, much of which is free. The [Breeze Culture Network](#) (BCN) is a website which provides information about opportunities across the city.

News Round Up

Discover! Creative Careers

Did you know that careers opportunities in the creative industries are increasing, with employment in the sector growing three times faster than the rest of the UK economy?

From the 18 – 22 November, *Discover! Creative Careers* week is taking place across the country. Participating schools will visit local arts and cultural organisations to allow their students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the range of jobs and roles within the sector. Information about the week has been circulated through school based Career leads. Some schools are developing the work through curriculum subjects by showcasing the range of careers available. This can be a useful way of advocating for your subject.

The [Discover Creative Careers](#) website has been developed as part of the [Creative Careers Programme](#) and provides a directory of careers information and opportunities. For opportunities available in the Leeds City region, visit the [FutureGoals](#) website.

Don't miss out on Music support and subsidies!

Through the [Leeds Music Education Partnership](#) (LMEP), schools in Leeds can access support, discounts, cashback, bursaries and entitlements. For information about the support and subsidies available and how to access them, please see [here](#). There are some important dates and deadlines, which can be found in this [document](#).

If you would like to contact us to discuss any aspect of music education, please contact LMEP by emailing educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk.

Leeds Young Film and Co-op Academy Partnership Project

In 2018/19, The Burberry Inspire project, enabled [Leeds Young Film](#) to work closely with pupils and staff at the Co-op Academy. This work resulted in a number of highly motivated young filmmakers and students who are considering

career options connected to film. In addition, CPD opportunities supported staff to explore how film can be used as a tool for learning in their subject areas.

To build on this inspiring work, a successful partnership bid was submitted to the Raising Aspirations Grant from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Leeds Young Film will work with the Academy to set up their own film kit and will support staff through CPD to deliver film making opportunities, including running a film club, and offering the first INDIs Film Festival in school.

For more information please contact [Debbie Maturi](#)



Music and Arts in Action

Please let us know about any of the fantastic arts teaching and learning that is going on in your school. If you would like to share anything, please contact jane.zanzottera@leeds.gov.uk



City of Leeds Youth Music's International Links



Penny Field School celebrate National Poetry Day!

In and Out of School Opportunities

Opportunities from the University of Leeds

The Arts Outreach Team at the University of Leeds have some upcoming events aimed at students studying Art, Craft and Design.

[Discover ARTiculation Challenge competition](#)

Enter your KS4 students in the annual Discover ARTiculation Challenge competition, aimed at encouraging students to speak with confidence about art. Students are invited to submit (via their school) a 2-3 minute film of themselves speaking about a work of art, an artefact or a piece of architecture of their choice. Judges view each film, looking at content, structure, delivery and the speaker's original approach and unique potential before choosing entrants to go forward as finalists. Finalists are invited to speak at the Discover ARTiculation Final on Wednesday 17th June 2020. Last year's winner was Zach Taylor from Abbey Grange Academy.

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[In School workshop exploring Art](#)

This session will explore a number of contemporary artists who work within the field of drawing and collage. There will be a particular focus on the artist Renee So and an exploration of her key themes and concepts.

For further information about both opportunities. please email Ellie Johnson E.K.Johnson@leeds.ac.uk.

Breeze Friday and Saturday Night Projects!

Young people aged between 12 (Year 8) and 18 years can participate in weekly activities, including arts and crafts, multi-sports, games, music and much more, at the Breeze Friday or Saturday Night Projects. These take place at Armley Leisure Centre (Saturday), Middleton Leisure Centre (Friday) and Pudsey Leisure Centre (Friday). Sessions are £1.50 or £1 with a BreezeCard.

For more information, please contact: the Breeze Team on 0113 3783167 or visit [Breeze Leeds](#).



Youth Collective @ Leeds Art Gallery

The Youth Collective at Leeds Art Gallery meet on the first Saturday of every month, from 11am - 4pm. Anyone aged 14 - 21 years can get involved to meet like-minded people and explore the collections through chat, maker sessions, music and performance. The sessions are free, and there is no need to book ahead. For further information, please email art.gallery@leeds.gov.uk

DJ Clubs for 9-18 year olds

DJ School run weekly after school clubs for young people aged 9 - 18 years. There are subsidised places for young people on free school meals, with SEND or who qualify for pupil premium funding. For further information about how young people can develop their DJing skills, please visit their [website](#) or call Jim on 07949379442.

Training Updates

As part of the Leeds Music Education Partnership, ArtForms Music are delivering three **Secondary Music Leader Network** sessions this year. They all take place at Pudsey Civic Hall and run from 4pm - 5.30pm. Upcoming dates for your diary are 10th February 2020 and the 22nd June 2020.



Secondary: Art Subject Leader Development Meeting

02/03/2020 08:30 - 12:30



Secondary: Music Subject Leader Development Meeting

05/02/2020 13:00 - 17:30



Please feel free to contact the ArtForms team with any feedback or queries at educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk