



A partner of the West Yorkshire Music Hub

Offer for Leeds Schools 2026-2027

Support, discounts, cashback and bursaries for schools in Leeds



Introduction

The West Yorkshire Music Hub (WYMH) brings together the 5 regions of Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, Calderdale and Kirklees. It ensures that the Arts Council England funding is used in accordance to the requirements of [The National Plan for Music 2023](#)

As a West Yorkshire Music Hub lead partner for Leeds, ArtForms uses hub funding to support music provision for children and young people in the city through a range of methods including bursaries, cashback for schools and discounts on activities.

Support for schools

The following offers are available for state-maintained schools and settings in Leeds. Please see each section for more information about the funding. **All funding streams are limited and not guaranteed, therefore please take note of any deadlines that may apply.**

Section A - Cashback

Available with any contracted weekly delivery by ArtForms for the academic year September 2026 to July 2027.

Section B - Bursaries

Available for students receiving **Targeted Free School Meals** via Pupil Premium.

Section C – Funding enhancement offers for schools

This section includes Live Music and workshop subsidies, Artsmark support and Gifted and Talented scholarships, digital subscriptions for schools, CPD via Music Connect and Curriculum reviews and support.

Section D - Terms and conditions

Section A -Cashback

These offers are for the academic year September 2026 to July 2027 to support annual contracted weekly provision in Leeds schools and academies provided by ArtForms only.

Apply by 23rd October 2026 - cashback payments made in either the spring or summer term*

Whole class instrumental learning subsidies

Schools buying weekly whole class instrumental learning delivered by ArtForms can apply for cashback on the purchase price. The amount of cashback will depend on the delivery model chosen.

- Progression model – 40% cashback on purchase price
- Bespoke model – 20% cashback on purchase price

In addition, 100% cashback is available for schools needing to hire full class sets of instruments from ArtForms.

Small group instrumental and vocal tuition subsidies

Schools buying weekly small group instrumental or vocal tuition, or large group instrumental tuition delivered by Artforms can apply for up to 20% cashback on the purchase price.

National Curriculum teaching

Schools buying in weekly National Curriculum teaching delivered by ArtForms which incorporates whole class instrumental or vocal tuition can apply for up to 20% cashback on the purchase price. There will be no extra charge for any instruments used to deliver this teaching.

SILCs and Resourced provision

Up to 30% cashback is available for music teaching and activities delivered by ArtForms for children with additional needs. There is no extra charge for any instruments used for delivering this teaching.

Music enhancement

20% cashback is available for schools buying support for vocal or instrumental ensemble directors delivered by ArtForms.

* Maintained schools will be paid in the spring term (February half term) and Academies will be paid in the summer term.

Section B - Small Group Instrumental or Vocal Bursaries

This offer is for the academic year September 2026 to July 2027 to support annual contracted weekly provision delivered by any provider. **These bursaries are for music tuition for students receiving the new Targeted free school meals via Pupil Premium.** See here for more information about who is eligible <https://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Article/18480>

Apply by 23rd^h October 2026—cashback payments made in either the spring or summer term. *

All applications must be completed via the new Bursary spreadsheet and accompanied by:

- evidence of services purchased
- evidence of charges made to families
- Name of instrumental or vocal teacher including contact details
- instrumental or vocal teacher's register
- evidence of student's free school meal status

This offer assists children whose school passes on the cost of small group instrumental or vocal lessons to them, to be able to afford the tuition. It is available to support children who are entitled to free school meals on grounds of income but does not cover the universal provision of free school meals for KS1 children.

ArtForms is keen to ensure that no child is excluded from learning to play an instrument because of their inability to pay. Therefore, ArtForms makes bursary funds available to support costs that are charged by schools to families up to a **maximum of £100 for the year.**

When applying, schools must state the amount they charge parents for the tuition for the year.

Schools who choose not to pass on the costs of tuition to families may also apply for bursaries to support their outlay for children with free school meal entitlement.

To reflect need across the city, bursaries are awarded in proportion to the number of children eligible for FSM at each school.

The bursary offer is limited to small group instrumental or vocal teaching and is **not available for children participating in whole class instrumental or vocal learning, large ensembles, or choirs.**

Tuition may be supplied by any contracted provider and is not restricted to ArtForms.

There is a fixed budget to support the bursary scheme, and it is not possible to tell schools in advance how many bursaries they will receive or what the amount will be.

* Maintained schools will be paid in the spring term (by February Half term) and Academies will be paid in the summer term.

Section C – Funding enhancement offers

These offers are available to all eligible schools for academic year 2026-2027, and **funding offers have their own application deadlines**. Funding is limited for each strand and therefore not guaranteed. Please email wymh.artforms@leeds.gov.uk if you require any further information about these funding offers.

Free Digital subscriptions

ArtForms has a limited number of **free licences**, worth up to £395, available for both primary and secondary schools wishing to use the Charanga online curriculum support tools, Sing Up, Musical Futures or Sparkyard by Out of the Ark. Licences are available on a first come first served basis, and the deadline for requesting your preferred choice will be communicated via the Music Connect network. **Priority will be given to schools who access Music Connect and complete their annual data form**. Enquire at wymh.artforms@leeds.gov.uk for further information.

CPD for teachers

Music Connect is the free CPD programme for primary and secondary school staff in Leeds. Music Connect offers two strands of training:

- Primary music leader
- Secondary music leaders

Both programmes offer free CPD per term and a free music conference.

Schools should enquire for further information on both strands and sign up is free. Information about upcoming courses is also available by visiting the ArtForms website [here](#). ArtForms provision and Music Connect events are also listed on Leeds for Learning www.leedsforlearning.co.uk

Curriculum review and support

ArtForms offers all eligible schools an initial one-hour consultation free of charge, to review your current school music development plan and discuss your key priorities. Please contact wymh.artforms@leeds.gov.uk or phone 0113 3782850 to book.

Music workshops and Live music in schools

ArtForms has a pool of professional musicians, encompassing a range of musical styles and genres, who can be booked by schools to give interactive, educational performances for pupils at all key stages for performances or workshops. All schools can have **one subsidised workshop or live music booking**. This scheme is offered at a heavily subsidised rate. If schools want to book subsequent workshops or live music performances, these will be charged at the full rate. More information about live music and workshop offers can be found on the ArtForms website [Live Music in Schools – Artforms Leeds World Music Workshops – Artforms Leeds](#)

Gifted and talented scholarships

Scholarships of up to £500 are available to help Leeds' most advanced young musicians realise their full potential. Suitable scholarships may include support with individual tuition or an ensemble group, or instrument purchase. Pupils should be nominated by their school who should email wymh.artforms@leeds.gov.uk outlining what the young musician would like support for. Emails should include a personal statement from the young person, a rationale for the application from their parent/guardian and a statement from the instrumental teacher where relevant. Payments for applications granted will be made to schools who should then pass the award on to the recipient.

Section D - Terms and Conditions

All subsidies and cashback schemes are designed to help schools increase engagement in music. **All schools are required by the Arts Council to complete an Annual Data Return. Schools in receipt of funding who fail to complete their Data Return may be re-charged in full.**

- All funding streams are limited and ArtForms cannot guarantee each offer will be available after the funding has been used.
- It is expected that schools will ring-fence cashback and savings made to spend on further music activity.
- ArtForms asks schools each year to demonstrate the impact that receiving subsidies has made on the musical life of the school, and how this has contributed to the vision of Leeds' Children and Young People's Plan.
- Where payments are made for Section A provision, ArtForms will re-claim all or part of such payments should the contracted provision cease or alter mid-year.
- Schools in receipt of Section B Bursaries may be asked to submit an impact assessment report.
- Evidence that Gifted and Talented Scholarship awards have subsequently been used for the stated purpose will be required, otherwise a full schools will be re-charged in full.