

# Essex Music Service Schools 2024–25

## Making Music Together



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# Serving our schools

Alongside our offer of Learn-It! 1-to-1 instrumental teaching across schools in Essex, we are delighted to bring to our school colleagues our provision for the 2024-25 academic year.

All of our provision is inclusive, designed to support you and your school as part of the personal, social, academic and developmental journey of your young people through music.

## **Learn-It! - simple administration for schools**

Our Direct Parent Billing service means we manage the applications for tuition and payments from parents so you can concentrate on creating a timetable that works for your school.

## **Discounts**

We continue to offer our highly subsidised tuition discount of up to 66%, and The Essex Virtual School generously funds 15 minutes per week for Looked After Children (LAC) or Post-Looked After Children (PLAC). LAC, PLAC and children who have or have had a social worker can also benefit from additional musical investment from the Virtual School.

## **SEND support**

Our staff are trained in working with students with Special Educational Needs (SEND) on a day-to-day basis, working with the school. We also have a number of specialist staff working in SEND settings and are trained to work with a broad range of students with needs.

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# Play-It!

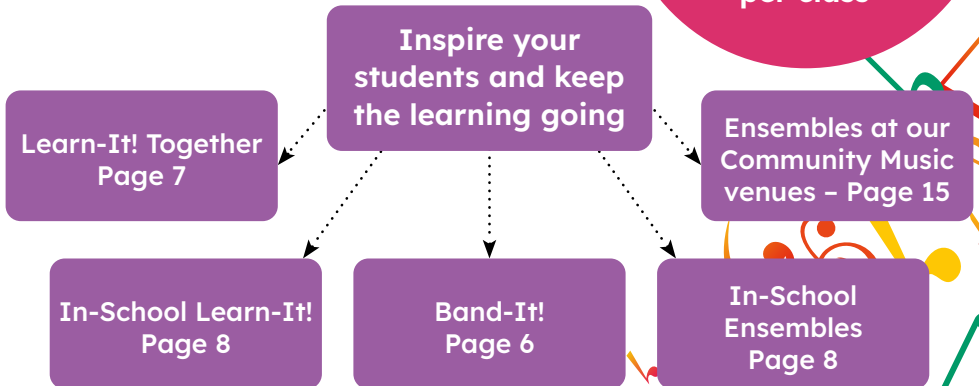
**Develop musicianship by learning to play an instrument as a whole class.**

Children learn to play a musical instrument as a class alongside their teacher led by a specialist music tutor from Essex Music Service. They will learn what it means to be a musician, developing understanding and skills needed for musical learning through learning to play an instrument.

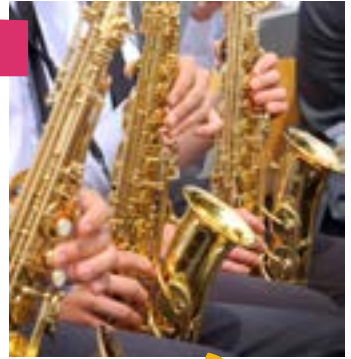
Through our new 'Head Start' programme, we will work with you and selected pupils to ensure that everyone in the class is equipped to reach their maximum potential.

**£355  
per term**

(45mins x 10 weeks)  
Maximum 33 students  
per class



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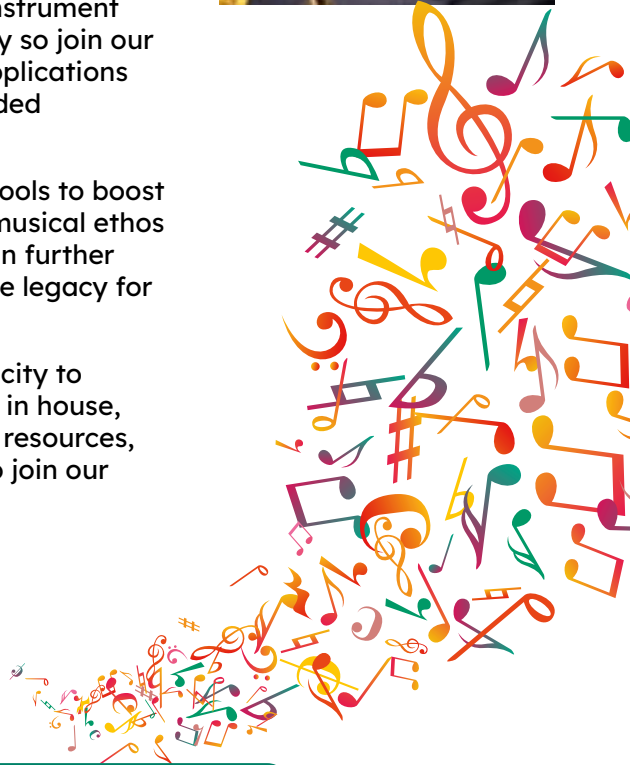


## Supporting instrumental learning – further opportunities

We have a limited number of spaces for schools to have a free term of instrument learning in KS2. Conditions apply so join our networks to be notified when applications are opened for this exciting funded opportunity.

We have funding to support schools to boost their music curriculum and the musical ethos of the school through investing in further terms of Play-It! and building the legacy for young people.

Where your school has the capacity to deliver whole class instrumental in house, we are able to support you with resources, planning and CPD. Contact us to join our networks for support.



### Instruments could include:

Flute, Clarinet, Recorder, Violin, Trumpet, Guitar, Ukulele, Glockenspiel, Djembe drums.

We are able to support with first steps instruments where needed such as Toots and Doods.

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## Band-It!

Have you got the next rock star in your school?

Take a group of 4 to 6 students, give them electric guitars, bass guitars, a drum-kit, keyboard, microphones, amps and other equipment with a specialist tutor and watch them rock! We can provide suitable equipment if you need it.

**£65**  
per student  
per term and £32.50  
for tuition discount  
students



## Musical nurture groups

Aimed at vulnerable children in your setting, these child-led sessions of 4 to 6 students develop their musical ability as well as resilience, and social and emotional wellbeing.

**£183**  
for 10 x 30 minute  
sessions with funding  
support available  
for schools with  
vulnerable  
students

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# Learn-It! Together

**Small group instrumental learning for beginners in groups of 4 to 6 students.**

Learn to play a musical instrument as part of a small group or continue learning following on from Play-It!

Learn-It! Together sessions allow students to develop musicianship and performance skills as part of an ensemble alongside increasing instrumental technique on one instrument.

“Music enhances the education of our children by helping them to make connections and broadening the depth with which they think and feel.

If we are to hope for a society of culturally literate people, music must be a vital part of our children’s education.”

Yo-Yo Ma

**£50**  
**per student**  
per term with free  
instrument hire for  
the first term only

£25 per  
term for tuition  
discount and free  
for LAC/PLAC. Only  
available to direct  
parent billing  
schools

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## Learn-It!

**Individual instrumental learning in 1-to-1, or groups of two or three.**

Continuing to learn music through their instrument, we offer high-quality tuition with our experienced staff to support and develop your students' musicianship.

### **In-school ensembles**

Looking to bring your students together in an ensemble? No matter the mix of ability or instruments, we have the staff!

Be it choirs, orchestras, or bands - from beginners to high level we can provide you with an experienced tutor to coach your students in the joy of making music together in your school!

Ensembles are charged at £36.60 per hour.

Simple administration for your school as we handle all payments from parents at no cost to you

**£61**

for two-pupil lessons of 20 minutes, or three-pupil lessons of 30 minutes

Individual lessons start at **£91.50** per term for 15 minutes a week





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# Workshops

**Enhancing existing music curriculum and offer cross-curricular opportunities by bringing students together through music.**

Looking for that launchpad experience to develop music in your school? We offer a range of assemblies, half-day and full-day workshops to support you in music and in cross-curricular activities.

## Drum-It!

A day's workshop with one of our specialist tutors and instruments including West African Djembe, Indian Dhol and Dholak, Samba, and Aboriginal Didgeridoo.

## Conductive Music

Great creative with technology with a two-day STEAM session exploring digital music making and coding. The sessions are fully interactive, imaginative and creative, allowing pupils to investigate and explore both music and computing.

## DJ Workshops

Give your students a introduction to being a DJ and hands-on experience on the decks in small groups.

## Bespoke workshops

Looking for something unique not listed above? Get in touch as we can create a bespoke offer for your school, including song-writing and cross-curricular packages.

**£230**  
per day

## Arts Award

If you are looking for accreditation for your students in the Arts, we can support you to explore, embed and deliver an Arts Award programme from Discover to Gold level.

## Artsmark Awards

Looking to use the Arts to drive change and progression in your school? We are here to support schools who are embarking on an Artsmark journey and our music tuition, curriculum support and workshop provision can form part of your school's creative development.



# Be a singing school!

**Supporting you and your students in singing well, singing safely, and singing together.**

Leading singing can be scary! We have a range of options to help you and your school develop a strong singing programme.

## **Sing-It!**

Tailored for beginners through to more able singers, we provide an inspiring day-long workshop, culminating in a short concert for parents and carers.

## **Create-It!**

A workshop that results in an original song being written for your whole school, by your students! By the end of the day your school will have a recording of its own unique song that you can use on your website and at events.

## **Rap-It!**

Tailored to your school's needs, Rap-It! introduces students to the world of rap, hip-hop, grime and spoken word. These sessions are a perfect way to develop confidence in students, enhance and link to music and other curricula, especially English and literacy.

## **Special events**

We regular run special events for schools such as our special workshops with vocal leads such as Randolph Matthews, Gabrieli ROAR, Papagena, and The Queen's Six as well as others – be sure to sign up to our newsletter via our website for details!



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## Play-it! Vocal

Want to bring a specialist in to develop your singers over a term or more? We offer Vocal Play-it!, with all the great benefits of a whole class programme focused on singing.

See page 4 for details of the model.

## Sing Up

Discounted membership for an online resource that embeds singing into the heart of your school.

Schools who subscribe to access Charanga or Focus on Sound receive a 50% discount on Sing Up. All other schools receive a 25% discount. This does not apply to the Small Secondary Package.

## Sparkyard

Discounted membership for an online resource that embeds singing into the heart of your school.

**£355**  
for 45  
minutes  
x10 weeks

**sing up**  
Help kids find their voice

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All Essex schools can receive 30% discount to Sparkyard membership



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# School Music CPD

## Subject specific guidance for subject leads

We're here to not only support you in your role, but also to bring you together with other music teachers through online networks, group meetings, and an annual schools' music conference - we're better together!

## MIDAS and School Music Development Plans

Our expert music educators are here to work with you and your school to identify where you are on your musical journey, where you want to go and how we can work in partnership to get there. Our 'Music Improvement, Development and Support' meetings and School Music Development Plan CPD are available to support and inspire you.

**New to music leadership?** Book a 30 minute conversation with our Music Curriculum experts to explore and discuss the development of music in your school

## Networks

We run a range of free primary, secondary and SEND networks online each term to bring school staff together, often focused on a topic with an invited specialist.

Sign up for our half-termly newsletter to stay up to date with the latest news and offers.



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## School CPD

We have a programme of CPD delivered alongside our partner organisations. Our senior management team includes practising primary and secondary teachers and we're more than happy to support you.

## Teach-It!

We can offer PPA and music curriculum cover within your school. We have many outstanding music tutors with years of teaching experience who can deliver music education as part of your team. These specialists can also support other teachers to develop their practice, or simply cover the skills gap that you have within your school.



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## Curriculum resources

**A suite of online curriculum resources to support all aspects of the music curriculum delivery in school.**

We work with our partners to provide training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for you to get the best use of the resources in school across the year.

We offer a variety of resources including Charanga Musical School, Sing Up and Sparkyard at Primary level, Charanga Secondary (including VIP Studios), Focus on Sound, and Sing Up at Secondary level, and we work with each SEND setting to find the best fit using these resources.



### Charanga

An online music platform that contains resources for all areas of curriculum and extra-curricular musical activities in primary, secondary and SEND settings.

Includes curriculum schemes, resources for singing and instrumental lessons and material especially developed for Essex schools. YuStudio, an online Digital Audio Workspace, is available for KS2-5 with VIP Studios available for KS3-4.



### Focus On Sound

Cloud based curriculum music support for KS3-5, including materials for GCSE and A Level examinations.

**£125\***  
**per academic**  
**year**

**\*£75 for schools with  
less than 100 pupils  
on roll**

**Please see page  
11 for details of  
vocal resources  
to support your  
curriculum**

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# Beyond the school day

## Bringing our young people together

Across our wonderful county we have a network of out-of-school venues and options for all our young people, be it orchestral, vocal, rock and pop, music tech and more!

### Essex Music Schools

Across the county our Essex Music Schools bring together children from the area, enabling smoother transition from Year 6 to Year 7, offering a range of 1-to-1, small group and ensemble provision.

### Junior Programmes

A mixed programme of group instrumental and vocal sessions at the Mercury in Colchester and in Harlow, this is the perfect follow-on for Play-It! out of school time, or for those wanting to start their musical journey.

### Community Music Centres

Running after-school and on Saturdays across the county, with one per district of Essex, our Community Music Centres are hives of group music-making!

### County Ensembles

We offer ensemble activities from starters in music venues to intermediate ensembles including our Young People's Orchestra through to our flagship ensembles such as Essex Youth Orchestra. All of these celebrate bringing young people together 14 through making music with each other.





## Further information

### Terms and Conditions

Our terms and conditions are published annually and are held on our website.

Our provision is offered subject to availability of workforce and budget where appropriate.

Our notice periods for ongoing provision are at the half-term holiday of each term to end at that term.

### Quality assurance

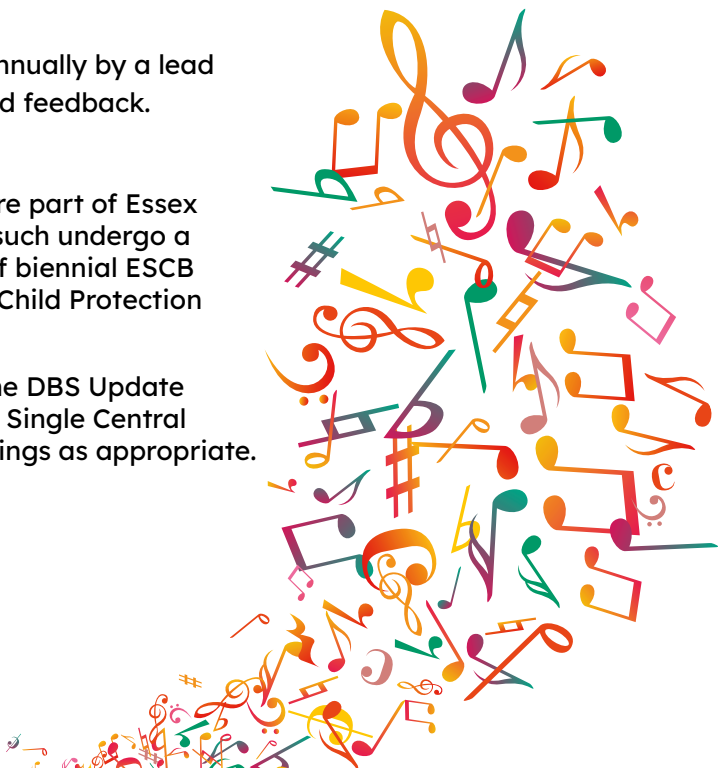
We run a comprehensive CPD programme for our tutors in order to develop and support them as well as ensuring they can bring their best when working in your setting.

Tutors are also visited annually by a lead tutor for observation and feedback.

### Safeguarding

All music service staff are part of Essex County Council, and as such undergo a minimum requirement of biennial ESCB Level 2 Safeguarding & Child Protection training.

Our tutors are also on the DBS Update Service, and we provide Single Central Record requests for settings as appropriate.





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