

MPN NEWSLETTER



SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER JULY 2024

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MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOLS 2024

Our Musical Theatre summer school workshops have a new venue this year at Morpeth First School. There is still time to sign up so please share with your students. Full details are on our website

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

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PARTNERSHIP ENSEMBLES



Introducing The AlnwiCeilidhans, Alnwick's newest ceilidh band! With 19 members the band brings together children from the Alnwick Partnership, to play in a relaxed and friendly environment. The students are looking forward to their first performance at the "What A Wonderful World Festival" in Alnwick Gardens this summer.

The band is open to any students in the Alnwick Partnership in school years 4-8. For more information please email: Annelise.Nicklen@northumberland.gov.uk

THE CITIZENS ASSEMBLY FOR MUSIC, 5TH JULY



Shaping the future of music policy, young people from the Lancashire and Wolverhampton Music Hubs have co-created the Citizens Assembly for Music (in partnership with Music For Youth, Music Mark and Sound Connections). This year's theme is music, mental health and resilience. Bring your youth boards, ambassadors, groups and steering groups to shape policy around this topic, meet industry professionals and other like-minded young people from across the UK. [Register for free tickets.](#)

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THE FUTURE OF MUSIC EDUCATION HUBS



The [National Plan for Music Education](#) sets out three aims for Music Hubs:

1. To support schools and other education settings to deliver high-quality music education
2. To support young people to further develop their musical interests and talent, including into employment
3. To support all children and young people to engage with a range of musical opportunities in and out of school

From September 2024 Music Partnership North are joining forces with the music hubs for Durham, Sunderland, South Tyneside, Gateshead, North Tyneside and Newcastle to deliver a joint up approach to music delivery in our region. While the name may change we will still be here to support all schools on a local level, providing opportunities and supporting all schools in our region to deliver a high quality musical experience for all. For more information click [here](#).

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES IN YOUR SCHOOL



As part of the National Plan for Music Education 2022, we are required to provide data on your school's musical group playing activities. This information is used by Arts Council England to map all provision in the region and is forwarded to the DfE. It is essential that we work together to ensure that the arts, and in particular music, continues to be embedded in education.

This has been emailed to all schools and there is still time to record what you deliver, Click [here](#) and let us know which ensembles you run in school.

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START DATE FOR MUSIC LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER



All music lessons delivered by Music Partnership North start in the week commencing Monday the 16th September 2024. This includes whole class SLA projects and small group tuition. Due to the nature of the 24 - 25 academic year, we will be delivering 12 weeks in autumn, 13 weeks in spring and 8 weeks in the summer term. If you collect the money from students for lessons in your school, please ensure you bill for this amount of delivery weeks. For more info please email: mpn@northumberland.gov.uk

SLA INSTRUMENTS



All SLA instruments that require picking up and delivering will be arranged with you by the week commencing 15th July. We hope to do most of the delivery/collections the week of the 15th July however some may take place in September. If you have any queries please email: mpn@northumberland.gov.uk

MPN OPENING TIMES THROUGH THE SUMMER



From Friday 19th July the main MPN office will be closed for the summer holidays, we will be back to work on the 2nd September. Key members of staff will be periodically checking their emails but if you do have a question please send an email in plenty of time so we can get you sorted before we finish for the holidays.

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PRE-VISIT POWER UP! TEACHER INSPIRATION EVENT AT GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK



Are you planning a visit to the Great North Museum: Hancock or the Hatton Gallery? Why not come along on 10 October to a [Pre-Visit Power Up! event for teachers](#) and we can help you plan it.

- Thursday 10 October, 4-6pm, Great North Museum: Hancock
- Enjoy complimentary drinks and snacks, tour the galleries and learn how to make the most from a self-led visit with your class. Meet and chat with the learning staff from the Great North Museum and Hatton Gallery, take part in informal creative activities and receive a pack of useful planning resources to take home.

Click [here](#) to book your free ticket.

FREE WILLS FOR NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF



Do you know that, if you are employed by NCC you have access to a FREE will writing service?

The Wills Guys have been supporting NCC staff with their wills for over 3 years, in this time they have helped 100's get these vitally important documents in place. As a NCC member of staff you can access a FREE basic will and partners/spouses get a 50% discount.

Contact Gill Hogg gill@thewillguys.co.uk
07816664589 to book your appointment.

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