



Students attending percussion workshop at Northumberland Festival of Music (Discover Our Land Festival)

Welcome to Music Partnership North Summer 2020 - Covid 19 Special

Music Partnership North (MPN) is the Music Education Hub for Newcastle and Northumberland.

All Change!

We find ourselves in a very different environment and situation than we could have ever expected. Instruments sit dormant in classrooms and playgrounds are very quiet. We are all having to adapt to a new way of life and definitely think outside the box.

Here at Music Partnership North we have been busy setting up and launching our new online music tuition programme, finalising details for our ensembles for 20-21 and supporting schools by providing online resources and lesson plans. We are also in the final stages of confirming and timetabling SLA projects for the coming year. Please see further details below on all of these.

Online Lessons and Resources

We have been working hard over the last few weeks to look at the possibility of providing online tuition and resources.

MPN Northumberland

On Monday 27th April we began to deliver online lessons and we have been pleased with the response from students, parents and the tutors involved and have been delighted with how everyone has adapted to this new way of delivery. We are currently providing lessons to over 100 students. If anyone else is interested in online lessons please contact jacqueline.craig@northumberland.gov.uk and we can provide you with the necessary information. Financial support may be available for students by following the link [HERE](#)

We are also able to support schools with the pupils attending school or learning at home and we have compiled a sheet of useful online resources that can be used with pupils of different ages. Please follow the link [HERE](#) to view the resources. If there is anything specific that would be useful to you please let me know and we will be happy to help you.

MPN Newcastle

In Newcastle we have just launched our “Local Heroes” project, designed to support schools and young people with their online musical learning over the coming weeks.

Each week we will set students the challenge of responding to a different musical style in any way they wish. Whether students are learning from home or at school right now, we would love for them, their teachers and families to get involved. Our tutors will also be producing their own responses to share with you, so look out for some familiar faces.

To access our resources, please could go the Local Heroes section on our website by clicking this link: www.musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk

We will be uploading lots of different resources including BSL (British Sign Language) to help everyone get inspired, and over the next few weeks we will be exploring folk music, rock and pop, classical music, musical theatre, music from around the world, and much, much more.

Check out our Local Heroes Activity Menu on the website for some ideas for each key stage.

Don't forget to share your work with us! You can email responses through to SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk or share on social media:

Twitter: @MPNEHub <https://twitter.com/MPNEHub>

Facebook: Music Partnership North <https://www.facebook.com/MPNEHub/>

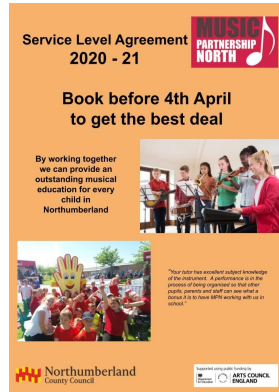
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Music Service Level Agreements

Music Partnership North Northumberland Music SLA for 2020-2021

The Service Level Agreement for Northumberland is now open so please click on [THIS LINK](#) to fill in your request.



Music Partnership North Newcastle Music SLA for 2020-2021

The Music Service is part of School Effectiveness
Details of Music SLA for Newcastle Schools can be found by clicking [HERE](#)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are any questions about the SLA. Georgina Biddle Senior Specialist Music Service georgina.biddle@newcastle.gov.uk

Music Partnership North Ensembles Brochure 20-21

To apply for any of the ensembles listed in this flyer please visit our website

<https://music.northumberland.gov.uk>

Or click [HERE](#) to fill in the online ensemble application e-form. Full details for each ensemble regarding ability and commitment requirements are located on the website by clicking + beside each ensemble.

Families who are applying for two or more places in any ensembles are entitled to a 10% discount by ticking the request on the application form. All students are required to apply each year to join ensembles, including current members.



Instrumental Tuition in Schools

Although we hope to resume our instrumental / vocal lessons as soon as possible once schools reopen, we do realise this may not be for several weeks. Music Partnership North Northumberland are in the process of calculating refunds for schools and direct billing parents in respect of lessons not delivered last term and will be in contact with you as soon as we have a system in place to do this. We will not be making any charge for instrument hire this term and would ask that you please continue to encourage your child to practice at home.

Instrument Maintenance

During this period of school closures, we are unfortunately unable to offer our normal repair/replacement service for faulty instruments hired from Music Partnership North. In the event of students experiencing any issues with their instrument or needing advice on tuning string instruments, we ask that you initially take a look at the Maintenance Leaflets by following the live links, for all woodwind and percussion issues please email the contact below:

[Tuning a Violin](#) [Tuning a Cello](#)

[Brass Maintenance](#)

If you're still having problems, please email Jacqueline.Craig@northumberland.gov.uk and we will try our best to help you remotely.

