

ARTS

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EXCELLENCE BY THE HOUR

ARTS PEOPLE PARTNER MAIL MAY 2019

OFSTED 2019 FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION

During the Spring term, Ofsted ran a consultation on its proposed new framework and inspection schedule. As expected, there were both features to support and areas of concern.

Arts People has welcomed both the introduction of a broader Quality of Education judgement and the creation of a separate judgement for Personal Development. The changes should reward the great work which our partner schools undertake in the arts field. Our Director, Richard Hughes, ensured that, in his submission to Ofsted, he recognised and supported these positive aspects.

There are also elements of the proposals which are concerning. Richard pointed out that the reference to the current EBacc in the proposed new schedule would disadvantage arts subjects and that this could not be a good thing. Indeed, we believe it runs counter to the general philosophy of the proposals.

We will continue to fight for arts education.

FREE SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS

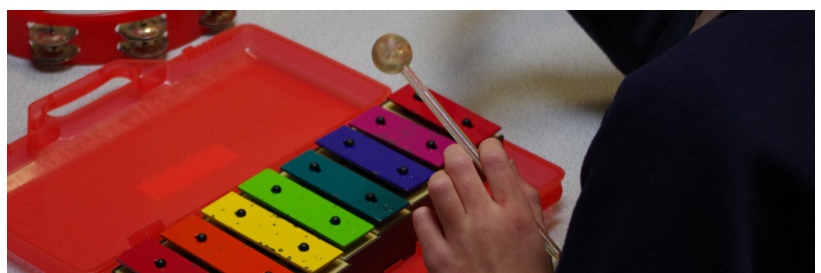
Arts People has the expertise to help our partner schools raise extra cash for the arts. We understand the pressure on budgets and so we offer a free day of advice and bid writing to all schools which have signed up with us for next academic year or are willing to do so if a funding bid is successful. Whilst we cannot guarantee success, we know it is worth a try! There are £billions of charitable trust and government money available in grants every year; much is available to schools and for the arts. Talk to us to ensure you don't miss out.

LEARN TO PLAY DAY

The Learn to Play charity organises a day where people of any age - new or returners to music - can have a starter instrument lesson. The idea is to encourage them into music, either in school, at home or with others. Arts People was delighted in March to be the provider of the Bradford event. Giving their time for free, Arts People tutors had a fantastic couple of hours teaching drums, keyboard and guitar to over 40 people from across the local area. We can't wait for next year.

TIMETABLING FOR 2019-20

We are now recruiting tutors for 2019-20 and, as we look for practising musicians, who play their own music and therefore have other commitments, we will need to agree timetables as early as possible. In early May, we will be visiting existing and joining partner schools to agree hours for 2019-20. The sooner you sign, the sooner your hours are guaranteed!





SUMMER WORKSHOP

Whether it be for Year 6 after the rigours of SATs, or covering aspects of the curriculum in an exciting and fun way, our one-day summer workshop has to be a winner. Whilst we work with the class TA to introduce pupils to the Rio music scene, the class teacher can be planning for the 2019-20 curriculum.

During the day, the pupils will work with a music tutor, an art teacher and a humanities teacher to discover the fun and reality of 'Carnival'. Pupils will learn about the lives of the Rio Carnival participants, make instruments and play joyous music. At the end of the day, there will be a presentation for parents. All this is available for a great value £350.

PPA... SORTED!

We have discovered that many of the primary schools with which we work want whole class teaching as part of a solution to the provision of PPA time. As teachers ourselves, we know how important PPA time is and we understand, too, that whole class tuition ensures that all pupils learn about the arts and their pleasures.

We welcome this approach and ensure that all our tutors are supported in delivering high quality lessons.

To do this, we offer CPD and regular lesson observation and feedback to all our teaching staff. So far, the response of schools has been praise for the lessons our tutors offer.

SATURDAY CLASSES

We know that many of our school pupils would like to take their music learning further. We also know that it can be very expensive to do so. Now it will be possible for young people (and older people too) to access high quality music teaching for a very low price.

Located at Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College, near the M606, Arts People will be running a set of four Saturday morning taster music lessons from 4th May. Staffed by great Arts People tutors, the half-hour lessons – on drums, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and voice – will be available at 10.30am and 11am with the option of joining a large vocal workshop at 11am. The price is only £46 for four lessons, or only £11.50 per lesson.

BEST WISHES FROM THE ARTS PEOPLE TEAM

Richard, Richard, Mel and Sarah thank you for all your interest and support and wish you a great summer.