

Wiltshire Schools Newsletter

This Newsletter is designed to keep Wiltshire schools updated with developments, activities and funding opportunities

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Welcome to the New GSW Music Hub!

Dear Wiltshire Schools

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the **GSW Music Hub**, an exciting expansion of our musical community. This new initiative now encompasses a broader geographical area, serving Gloucestershire, Swindon, and Wiltshire.

Our Structure

The GSW Music Hub is led by a consortium of three key organisations:

- 1. Gloucestershire County Council (Gloucestershire Music)
- 2. Swindon Music Service Charity
- 3. The Music Works Charity

For operational efficiency, we've organised the hub into two main regions:

- Gloucestershire
- Swindon / Wiltshire

The Music Works plays a crucial strategic role, focusing on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) as well as amplifying youth voices in our developing strategies.

Transition Period

Transition should be seamless in Wiltshire schools as Swindon Music Service will continue to operate in the same way as before for delivery.

Staying Connected

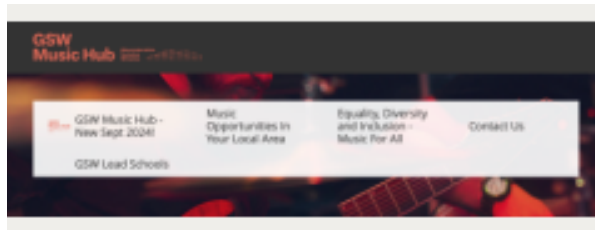
We're committed to keeping you informed about our progress and offerings:

- You'll receive periodic newsletters covering hub-wide developments across our entire geographical area.
- More frequent updates from Swindon Music Service will keep you informed about local needs, offers, and developments specific to your area. ([through this Newsletter](#))

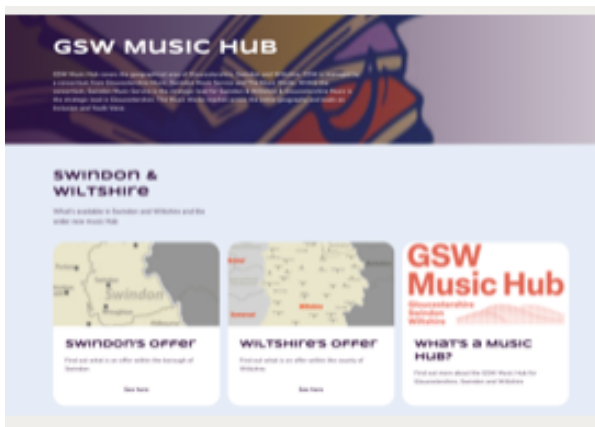
We're excited about this new chapter in our musical journey and look forward to harmonising our efforts across Gloucestershire, Swindon, and Wiltshire. Stay tuned for more updates!



NEW WEBSITES COMING SOON!



The GSW Website will set out strategic documents for the wider geographic area



This website will cover local information, activities and funding opportunities in Swindon and Wiltshire

The new local website will:

- 1.Highlight. upcoming activities and offers
2. Highlights the key features and benefits
3. Explains how the website will be structured

Calling All Schools: Become a Lead Music School in GSW Music Hub

Are you passionate about music education? We're seeking innovative schools in Gloucestershire, Swindon, and Wiltshire to become Lead Schools for music.

As a Lead School, you'll:

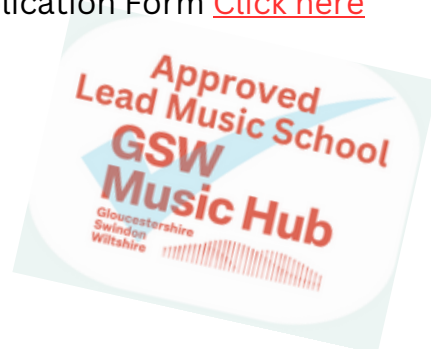
- Champion music education best practice in our area
- Collaborate with local schools and through network meetings
- Exemplify high-quality music provision and teaching
- Advocate for music education and the work of the Music Hub to colleagues in schools
- Shape the future of music education for our hub
- Receive valuable in-kind support, including a free Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) instrumental programme.
- Gain valuable experience in delivering at our CPD conferences
- Have a Kite Mark to denote your status.

This is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact on young musicians and your community. We're looking for schools with a strong commitment to music and a vision for its future.

Applications open on 28th October 2024 and close on 2nd December 2024. Lead Schools will be in place from April 2025 – July 2026.

To view the Guidance [Click here](#)

To access the Application Form [Click here](#)



Associate Scheme in Wiltshire

We want to assure you that:

- The associate scheme is our top priority. We're working diligently to determine its future and will update you as soon as possible. Our goal is to maintain the scheme.
- We're collaborating with Wiltshire Council's Safeguarding team. Associates can continue working with schools as normal for this academic year.
- The instrument hire scheme will remain unchanged, as we're working with the Learning Resources Hub to ensure this.
- School grants applied for this academic year are secure, with no changes planned.



Our primary objective is to ensure that children and young people's music-making is not affected. For Wiltshire, we intend to keep the scheme as similar as possible for schools, organisations, and pupils. The associate list will continue as normal but will be managed through the new hub.

The message from Wiltshire Council's Safeguarding team is:

All assurances have been provided for our associates by Wiltshire Music Connect for the academic year 24-25, these will be in place as we migrate them across to new hub's own quality assurance systems. New assurances will be issued for any new associates taken on and certainly for the next academic year from ourselves”.