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Sound of music back in schools!



**“ First day back was amazing!
Got emotional at the sound of children playing together
which I didn’t realise I had missed until I heard it again! ”**

Jennifer McKie, Head of Lincolnshire Music Service writes, these were the words of one of our LMS tutors on Monday 21st September, which was our first day back in schools since March 2020! It genuinely feels so good to return to in-school delivery again and we celebrated this momentous occasion with a unique performance of Take That’s Shine, (see [page 6](#) to find out more)!

It’s been a long period of absence; however LMS DigiTeach and other virtual collaborations have kept music alive for our young people. Music will continue to be so important for everyone as we navigate the next stages of this pandemic and deal with the consequences for our young people.

There’s so much to look forward to during 2020/21 such as our exciting partnership with the Chineke! Orchestra which will bring a fresh perspective to our ensemble provision, (see over the page to register)!

Also the launch of our Lincolnshire Music Centre providing music opportunities for all regardless of age or ability!

Thank you for your partnership as well as patience over recent months as we make the changes necessary to implement a COVID safe teaching environment. Our teaching may look a little different, however we’re excited to be back doing what we do best which is inspiring our young people through music.

Enjoy our latest issue of Hub News!

A close-up photograph of a young woman with curly hair, focused on playing a double bass. She is wearing a dark top and a strap over her shoulder. The background is dark, highlighting her and the instrument.

The Lincolnshire Music Service excited to work with Chineke Orchestra!

Europe's first black, Asian and ethnically diverse orchestra.

Talented young musicians, grade 4 and above, are invited to join an inspirational new programme.

The musicians will be taking part in rehearsals and performances for a new virtual orchestra developed by the Music Service called Lincolnshire Youth Virtual Ensemble.

The partnership was announced at an especially exciting time, as Chineke's junior orchestra reached the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent 2020! and hopefully win through to the final!

Jennifer McKie, Head of Lincolnshire Music Service said, "We're very keen for our County Group members to have the opportunity to work with Chineke!, who will bring a fresh perspective to classical music for our young musicians. Chineke's exceptional musicians will work

alongside our members and team to realise a new approach to County Groups for 2020/21.

The project is being co-produced with Orchestras Live and will be facilitated by composer James Redwood with a team of professional musicians from Chineke!

The first workshops will have a video gaming focus and will lead to young musicians composing a brand new work by Summer 2021 which may be shared in a national online music festival featuring young people from across the country

If you would like to join County Groups 2020/21 visit our website for more details regarding registration:

Keeping music alive!



LMS *DigiTeach*

Music was needed more than ever during lockdown and we were delighted to offer fully subsidised instrumental and vocal tuition for pupils. Over 700 young people accessed weekly online tuition delivered by the LMS team, who seamlessly transferred their teaching quickly and efficiently onto Google Meets. Although it was a new way of working and learning for everyone involved, the feedback was excellent.

"The fact that it has been subsidised has been a godsend given the uncertainty about jobs. It has been much-needed normality. We couldn't have asked for more. Thanks for all you do. You've been brilliant!"

Harrison who attends Brant Broughton primary, also enjoyed his Digiteach trumpet lessons during lockdown. Harrison said, *"The lessons are going really well... and they're really calming, you have to relax your shoulders, relax your lips, and get a nice sound going through.."*

Harrison also became an internet sensation, playing his trumpet in his village every Thursday providing a musical accompaniment to 'Clap for Carers'.



You can hear more from Harrison about his online learning here:

One Digiteach parent commented: *"The online lessons have been so good for my son. They have given him a focus for his day and he has been practicing more than he would have normally. He has made so much progress and it has been great to see someone else as we've been shielding, even if it is over the computer."*

LMS DigiTeach is now here to stay and will continue to be an option for families who are isolating or unable to access tuition within their school setting. To find out more please visit:

www.lincsmusicservice.org/learning-an-instrument/individual-small-group-tuition

'We're still Standing!'

Virtual performances keep music live during lockdown

Our young people have been incredible during recent months and shown real resilience and true commitment to their musical learning. Four virtual collaborations have been produced, involving over 150 young musicians, which have been of a really high standard.

They all recorded their individual performances, in their own bedrooms or back gardens, and sent each piece off to be edited into a whole video through the wonders of technology!

All have been premiered live on Facebook and supported enthusiastically by BBC Radio Lincolnshire's Melvyn Prior who described Lincolnshire Youth Virtual Ensemble Orchestra's version of Ain't No Mountain High Enough as the best lockdown performance he'd ever seen!

Boston Youth Jazz Orchestra got the ball rolling and thanked the NHS with 'We're still standing!'

Horncastle MAT Jazz Band performed Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep', as a way of continuing to perform together, even though they were unable to be together physically due to lockdown.

Lincolnshire Youth Virtual Ensemble Orchestra united with Ain't No Mountain High Enough, showing that they could keep performing, even though Covid 19 has cancelled their planned events this year, including a concert at the Royal Albert Hall due to take place in November. Rehearsing in small groups online gave the young people the opportunity to catch up with friends as well as rehearse, one of the things they've been missing most during lockdown!



Horncastle MAT Jazz Band end the term with another fun performance of Bruno Mar's Runaway Baby

It was a steep learning curve for everyone involved, but the end results are brilliant and provided some light relief during these difficult months.

Face to Face Instrumental Tuition is Back!

Instrumental and vocal tuition was back in schools, on Monday 21st September, after a break of almost six months. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the LMS team collaborated to produce their own version of Shine by Take That!



To ensure that delivery is COVID safe, a comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out as well as thorough discussions with each school on an individual basis:

In line with DfE guidance, a range of new measures have been implemented and a short film has been produced to show how our new processes will work in the classroom, ensuring lessons are safe for staff and students:

As more pupils return to the classroom, music will have a vital role to play. Schools are developing recovery curriculums, planning ways to make up for the time lost to the Coronavirus crisis and thinking of ways to help students process the upset that many will have experienced.

It has become clear that in this transition period, music will be a valuable tool when placed at the heart of schools. www.lincsmusicservice.org/music-education-recovery-curriculum-guidance





MEHEM UpRising **£199,500 of new funds** **supporting music** **activities for young** **people with SEND**

The funding has been awarded to Music Education Hubs East Midlands (MEHEM) by national charity Youth Music, thanks to funding from the National Lottery via Arts Council England. It will support music making opportunities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) across the East Midlands.

The project, MEHEM UpRising!, will be led by the Lincolnshire Music Service on behalf of MEHEM. It will increase collaboration across the region, improve delivery of activity with and for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, strengthen the regions' workforce, and enhance organisational development to improve and deliver high quality music-making activities.

The project started in September, and is being delivered through mainstream and special schools.

www.lincsmusicservice.org/services-for-schools/special-music-offer

Virtual Lincolnshire Music Centre is LIVE!

Music Centres provide out of school music making opportunities, introducing children and young people to music. This year, our music centres, will be entirely 'virtual', all working together to produce a number of performance.

Wherever you live in the county you can access our Lincolnshire Music Centre activities online. As restrictions lift, we may be able to introduce a blended model of virtual and face to face delivery back in our area locations in accordance with national guidance.

As a member of the Lincolnshire Music Centre, you will receive a resource package for each piece. This will include:

- Access to scores and tutorials
- On line Sectionals
- Professionally mixed performance recordings.

Music Centres are open to young people of all ages as well as all abilities. There really is something for everyone! For more information visit:

