

## Music Resources for Schools

### Resources for students

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|           | <b>Additional Reading</b>   |
| KS5       | Music: A Very Short Introduction by Nicholas Cook   |
| KS5       | <a href="#">Short Introductions to Various Aspects of Music</a>   |
| KS5       | Music in Everyday Life by Tia DeNora  |
| KS5       | Musicophilia by Oliver Sachs  |
| KS4-5     | <a href="#">The Rest is Noise by Alex Ross</a> - An approachable guide to 20 <sup>th</sup> Century classical music  |
| KS4-5     | <a href="#">The Rough Guide to World Music by Songlines</a> - A detailed but approachable introduction to the traditional music of countries all around the world |
| KS4-5     | <a href="#">Causeway Education</a> wider reading for students interested in Music and Music Technology  |
| KS5       | <a href="#">Oxford University Reading List</a>  |
| KS5       | <a href="#">Staircase 12</a> online hub of reading and other resources  |
|           | <b>Websites</b>   |
| KS1-4     | <a href="#">Purpose Games</a> - Educational music games   |
| KS2-5     | <a href="#">Explore</a> - explore some of the questions that are relevant to us all such as "Does music matter?"  |

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| KS2-5 | <a href="#">PDF posters</a>  |
| All   | <a href="#">Tips for joining a choir</a>   |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Learningmusic</a> – a fun, interactive music creation website.   |
| KS2-5 | <a href="#">aQWERTYon</a> - allows students to play-along with YouTube videos using their QWERTY keyboard.   |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Groove Pizza</a> - Uses a pizza to represent different drum patterns. This easy-to-use drum machine allows students to explore beats from famous songs and create their own using rhythmic grids.  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Learningsynths</a> - This interactive site allows students to learn about complicated aspects of synthesis, such as oscillation, envelopes, filters and amplitude, in an easy, intuitive way.  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Audacity</a> - A free downloadable multi-track audio editor available for Mac, PC and Linux enables students to create soundscapes in response to particular images using sounds & samples from free-to-use websites such Soundbible.com.              |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Theory Rocks</a> - 6 videos that cover time signatures, note & rest values, scales, reading treble & bass clef.  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Kahoot</a> - An online quiz creator that's ideal for revision. Use one of the ready-made quizzes, or create your own. Free sign-up required. If you don't have a school-wide system in place, such as Office 365, this is ideal for easy quiz-setting. |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Guide to World Music</a> - covers everything from the Tango, to English folk music, reggae and Belly dancing music! Ideal website to use as the basis for an online quiz using Kahoot/Microsoft forms/Show My Homework etc.                            |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Royal Academy of Music Museum</a>  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Centre for History and analysis of Recorded Music</a>  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Research Centre for Musical Performance as Creative Practice</a>   |
| KS5   | <a href="#">JSTOR</a> books, journals, articles and manuscripts  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">British Library Discovering Music</a> - early 20 <sup>th</sup> century sources.  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Musicmap</a> - The Genealogy and History of Popular Music Genres from Origin till Present (1870-2016).   |

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| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Discovering Music</a> : explore key works of early 20 <sup>th</sup> century classical composers  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Digital Resources for Musicology</a> - overview of online resources.   |
| ALL   | <a href="#">Women in Music Timeline</a> - Reaching all the way back to 810AD, this timeline offers an easy to navigate, interesting database of important women in music   |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Music Theory Examples by Women</a> - analytical studies of works by women.   |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Music Theory Exercises</a>   |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">JCS online home learning resources</a> - Bloomsbury Popular Music brings together leading global scholarship and interactive tools covering the early 20th century to the present day. (extended free trial during COVID 19)             |
| KS2-4 | <a href="#">Khan Academy</a> - Music lessons, video and other resources  |
| KS4   | <a href="#">Seneca Learning</a> GCSE Music resources   |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">BBC revision site</a> - for all students up to A Level   |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">The Brilliant Club</a> - collection of academic resources and events relating to different subjects  |
| KS4   | <a href="#">MusicTheory.Net</a> - useful for GCSE Music students. 20 different interactive exercises covering essential music theory knowledge, including ear training exercises for students to develop their recognition of intervals and cadences |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Theory and Aural Training</a>  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Edexcel A Level Music study guide</a> - by Rhinegold   |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Gresham College Public Music Lectures</a>  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">50 Greatest Symphonies</a> which have changed classical music from the Guardian  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Guide to Discovering Classical Music</a> from the Guardian   |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Shedding new light on Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin</a> - Two Oxford academics helped Garsington Opera stage a new, original production of Tchaikovsky's best-loved opera  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Bach digital</a> - Database with digital reproductions of the works of JS Bach with copies of his original manuscripts   |

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| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Magdalen College Choir</a> - discover more about an Oxford choir.   |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Medieval plainsong gets a contemporary makeover</a> - An Oxford academic helps bring holy music of the middle ages to life  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Composing Opera for Children</a> - When the operas for children that Oxford University lecturer in Music Prof. Martyn Harry composes tour Britain's toughest regions, his work is often the first classical music his audiences have ever heard |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Cambridge University Streaming Service</a> lectures, videos and podcasts  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Cambridge University Digital Library</a>  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Cambridge University Music Resources</a>  |
|       | <b>Radio/Podcasts/Videos/MOOCs</b>  |
| KS1-5 | <a href="#">Main BBC Classical Music Radio Channel</a>  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">BBC Radio 2</a> has shows dedicated to specialist genres like folk, jazz and many others  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">BBC Radio 3 Composer of the Week</a> - Listen to programmes about the lives and works of some of the greatest composers, new and old  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">BBC Radio 3 Record Review</a> - Host, Andrew McGregor and his weekly guests listen to and discuss the essentials of the vast corpus of classical music  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">BBC World Music Radio programme</a>   |
| KS1-5 | <a href="#">Classical FM Radio station with adverts</a>   |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">National Arts Centre Podcasts</a> - interviews, insights and artistic explorations of music, theatre and dance  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Nothing Concrete- Barbican Podcasts</a> - Artists talking about music, film and other arts  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Wigmore Hall Podcasts</a>   |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">BBC Radio 4 In Our Time Podcasts</a>  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Switched on Pop</a> - a podcasts about the making and meaning of popular music  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Case Notes podcast</a> - darker corners of music history  |

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| KS5   | <a href="#">The Guardian Long Audio Reads</a>  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">TED talks</a> - Dive into the world of conducting and writing music through talks delivered by top musicians   |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">History of Music Youtube Channel</a> - Audio tasters of classical music from all ages which works best as a springboard from which you can explore new composers and works |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Collection of videos</a> - including masterclasses and interviews from the Royal College of Music  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Early Music Sources</a> - short introductions to the weird and wonderful world of music theory before 1700   |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Video series</a> - by the Society for Musical Analysis about various more advanced aspects of musical analysis   |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Searching for Schumann Video</a> - Composer Robert Schumann's late work is often overlooked due to its association with his struggles with mental health                   |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Opera Vision</a> - livestream events from European Opera houses  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Singing the Collections</a> – Video project about medieval music fragments of Magdalen College Oxford University.  |
| KS3-5 | <a href="#">Music at Magdalen College Oxford University</a>  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Introducing Historical Musicology</a> - taster lecture from Oxford University  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">BBC Music Documentaries</a>  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">BBC iplayer</a> - a range of programmes which explore a rich and varied musical heritage   |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Music MOOCs</a>  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Ivy League online courses</a>  |
| KS4-5 | <a href="#">Coursera online music courses</a>  |
| KS5   | <a href="#">EdX online music courses</a>   |
| KS5   | <a href="#">Harvard online music courses</a>   |

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| KS5                           | <a href="#">Yale online courses and lectures</a>  |
| <b>Magazines and Journals</b> |   |
| KS3-5                         | <a href="#">Gramophone Magazine</a> - prestigious global classical music magazine.  |
| KS4-5                         | <a href="#">Alex Ross's critic column in the New York Times</a>   |
| KS4-5                         | <a href="#">JSTOR Music Journals Bodleian Libraries Oxford University</a>   |
| KS4-5                         | <a href="#">Open Access Music Journals</a> - Journals in a range of musicological and practical areas.  |
| <b>Competitions</b>           |   |
| ALL                           | <a href="#">List of Prestigious National Classical Music Competitions</a>   |
| ALL                           | <a href="#">Oxford University Academic Competitions for School and Colleges.</a>  |
| ALL                           | <a href="#">UK Contemporary Vocals Competition</a>  |
| ALL                           | Local charities and community groups very often run competitions for young people with cash and/or recording opportunity prizes some of these are listed <a href="#">here</a> . |

## Resources for teachers

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| <a href="#">National Youth Choir</a>                | Information about youth choirs in Great Britain  |
| <a href="#">National Youth Orchestra</a>            | Information about orchestras in Great Britain  |
| <a href="#">Solfeg.io</a>                           | A web-based app for teaching popular music and other songs. It works well with an interactive whiteboard or on a screen, and students can also access the app at home  |
| <a href="#">English Folk Dance and Song Society</a> | An extensive resource bank that is free to use. It includes beginners' guides to folk music and recordings and scores of a wide range of folk tunes. Many of the scores are aimed at particular Key Stage levels |

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| <a href="#">NST website.</a>                       | Posters about musical dynamics, and positivity in the music classroom. There is also a poster with Top 5 Song writing tips for students. The posters are easily downloadable in PDF format for you to print at school |
| <a href="#">Classical 100</a>                      | A free website though you do have to open an account and log in to access it. Teachers and students get access to 100 free pieces of classical music, from Bach to Bernstein and Handel to Haydn                      |
| <a href="#">UK Association for Music Teachers</a>  | Provides training, resources and support  |
| <a href="#">Musical Futures</a>                    | Resources to support teachers to engage and enthuse their students  |
| <a href="#">Charanga</a>                           | Resource library, resources for lesson planning and assessment  |
| <a href="#">Rhinegold.co.uk</a>                    | Free online resources for music teachers (KS3-5)  |
| <a href="#">MusicTeachers</a>                      | Free resources for teaching music (KS3-5)   |
| <a href="#">TES</a>                                | Lesson plans and teaching resources cross the key stages  |
| <a href="#">TeachingIdeas</a>                      | Teaching resources for KS2-4  |
| <a href="#">Solfeg.io</a>                          | Music resources some free, subscription required for others   |
| <a href="#">British Council of Music Education</a> | Outreach work with schools providing professional musicians and resources   |
| <a href="#">Royal Academy of Music</a>             | Includes events, library of recordings  |