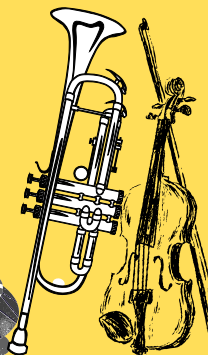
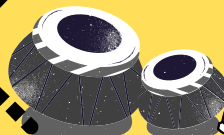
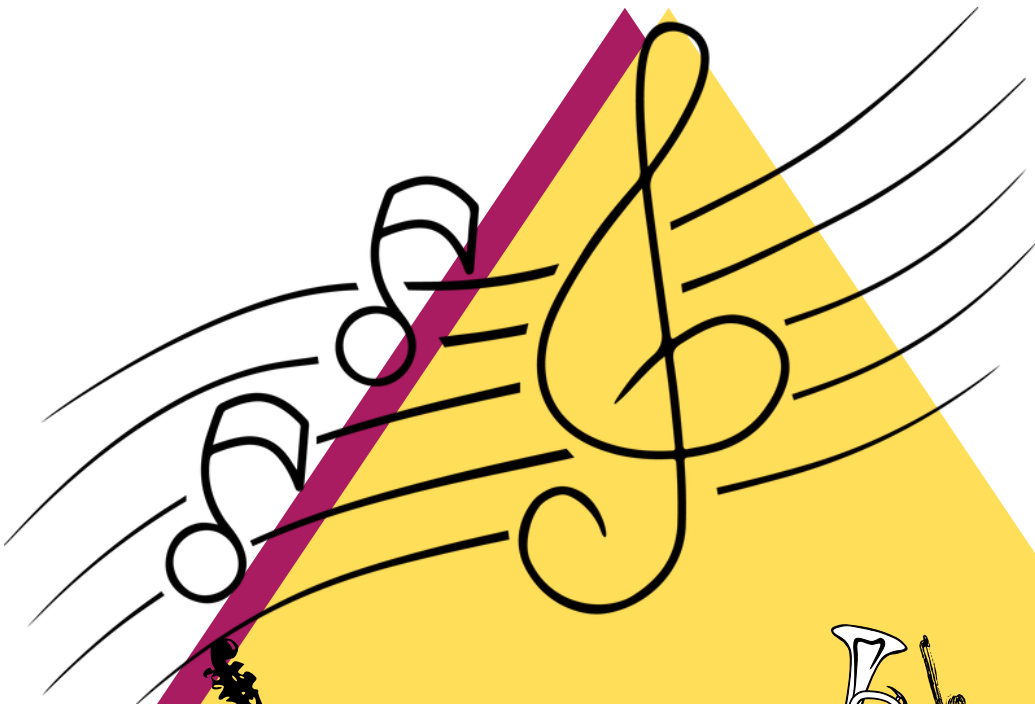
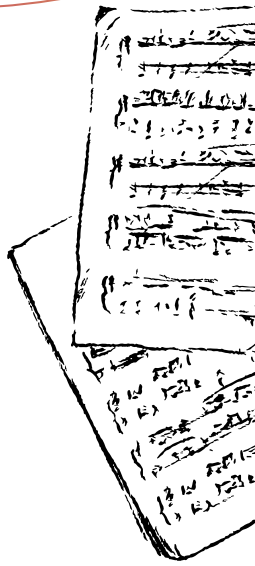




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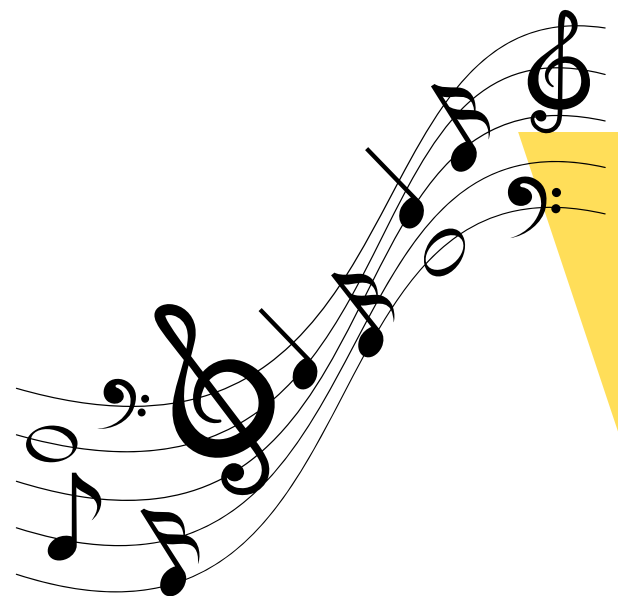
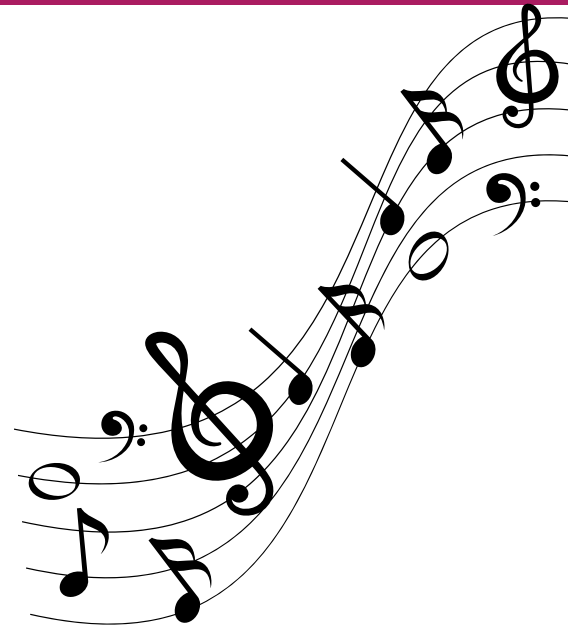
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About SMS

“Inspiring every child’s musical journey through diversity, progression and inclusion”



Our Aims:

- To make our offer bespoke to suit the needs of your school
- To ensure a high quality progressive service
- To engage with pupils and encourage for opportunities such as performance and access to our clubs both inside and outside of school.

We can offer up to hour long lessons. Parents may hire instruments from SMS at a very competitive rate or purchase instruments through the SMS, VAT free!



Benefits of learning music

BOOST SELF ESTEEM

The incremental progress of learning music is a powerful confidence booster.

WORLD CULTURES

Learning music introduces children to a range of cultures and their history.

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Improving academic skills in areas such as maths, language & communication, cognition, and awareness.

SOCIAL SKILLS

Learning music is a good way for pupils to meet like-minded peers. This cultivates social skills.

As well as the above, music is great for wellbeing - a hands on way to learn! Learning music refines an individual's discipline, leadership, and patience, whilst developing practical and physical coordination skills. There's something for everyone!



Benefits of working with SMS

We are a local service, with a passion to support the children of our local community. We ensure high quality service with...

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Experienced teachers

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Diverse learning

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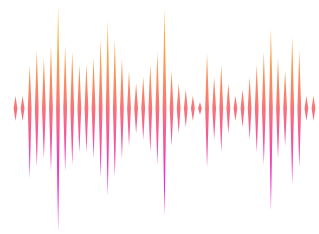
Progression routes for instruments and activities

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DBS checked teachers and freelance tutors

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Commitment to inclusive practice





Benefits of working with SMS

We can support your school to become a music mark school

Music Mark

We are delighted to support schools to become a music mark school.

As a school you must meet the following criteria:

- Evidence and willingness to engage in music education related development conversations in order to improve music provision.
- An inclusive strategy for music in place
- Recognition of the value of music education as part of the broad curriculum

Benefits of being a Music Mark School:

Music Mark schools receive a range of benefits including:

- A certificate so that you can display your achievement
- Use of the exclusive Music Mark School logo pack
- Music Mark Members Area accounts for you and colleagues within your school
- Access to an extensive library of member-only resources
- Invites to attend our member-only events and training
- A discounted rate for the Music Mark Annual Conference
- A discounted rate when using our job vacancy advertising service and free adverts for voluntary roles
- Emailed newsletters to keep you up to date with the latest national and regional sector news, events, and resources
- Publication of your success stories on our website and in our social media
- Advocacy and campaigning on your behalf

SMS School music development plans

We can offer a bespoke consultation to develop your music education plan for your school. The first session is free, subsequent consultation sessions are charged at £45 an hour.

High
Quality
Progress

School music development plans builds on the model music curriculum and the new national plan for music education. The development plan helps you reflect on the needs of your pupils and aims to support every child's musical experience at school. Our curriculum coordinator will help create and review your document free of charge for the first hour. Subsequent hours will be charged at £45 an hour. Continue to consult with us annually to review your progress and target set.

CPD at your school

This offer extends from our partnership with Berkshire Music Trust.

Our Lead schools for Slough are:

Primary – Langley Hall Primary Academy as well as Cippenham Primary

Secondary – Langley Grammar School

Opportunities & Events

Slough Music Service have always organised a number of larger events and projects throughout the year. Following the pandemic we have phased reintroduction of our signing, orchestra and whole class instrumental events with great success.

Performance opportunities

We encourage all pupils to take part in our performance opportunities.

This includes:

- End of year assemblies – individual, Small group, and Whole class learners
- Recitals twice per academic year
- Multi-cultural singing festival
- Everyone Can Play, Hexagon, Eton Carol Service
- Slough Carol concert

Everyone can play: all whole class students across schools learn two pieces to perform collectively at this exciting event!

Slough Carol Concert: an opportunity for Slough school and community choirs to perform at a local church in our carol concert. It is a non-religious service and we invite groups to sing songs of their choice.

Eton carol concert: selected choirs are invited to join us in our annual festival of lessons and carols. This is a formal religious service and is by invite only. We aim to invite different choirs from our Slough schools each year to ensure all schools have the opportunity to take part.

Recitals: regular recitals are delivered over the academic year. These are short performances by our individual and small group students covering all instruments and vocals. Parents are invited to attend as they are evening performances

Opportunities & Events

Demos in schools

We can arrange demonstrations at your school to promote music lessons. Demos from our music teachers will give students and parents an idea of what instruments sound like as well as an explanation of the format of lessons.

SMS Ensembles

Our extra-curricular ensembles are currently free to ensure accessibility for all and will remain so for as long as possible. These currently include music centre access (music tech, build a band and Early Ears club)

Strings Ensemble, gifted and talented choirs, drums, training and youth orchestra.

Events these groups may be involved in may incur a transport charge

One off music days and workshops

We can come into school to offer year group workshops for students and/or small performances by SMS staff **from** £45 per hour per music teacher.

CPD for school staff

Slough Music Service regularly offers CPD as part of our consortium program to school staff. We also signpost schools to CPD available across Berkshire as part of our partnership with Berkshire music Trust. Prices vary by event, information is provided in our termly newsletters and email communications.

Opportunities & Events

African drumming, singing assemblies and ensembles

A club of up to 15 children, after school/ lunch club. Whole School Singing Assemblies from £45 per hour.

Whole class ensemble tuition (WCET)

(Violin, Brass, Djembe, Recorder, Ukulele, Guitar, Mixed Percussion)

£300 per class per term (instrument hire for WCET charged at £100 and one member of staff)

You can hire any class/ group set of instruments for £100 per term, per set (subject to availability, terms and conditions may apply).

Music production

Our latest area of development.

We are working with industry professionals to develop high quality music tech to all children interested.

We also provide PPA cover, contact us for more information.

Examinations

We use various examination boards for the range of instruments we teach to ensure that they are accessible for all. It usually takes a student 15 to 24 months to be ready to take grade 1 depending on the instrument, practice and aptitude. Slough Music Service updates parents on progress via practice notebooks and can be contacted for informal discussion termly.

Depending on the examination board the price of grade 1 varies between £44 and £50 for 2024 - 2025

****Fees for exams and books are payable by parents in addition to tuition fees****

Slough Music Service have our own grading system which demonstrates progress from absolute beginner to ready to prepare for a nationally recognised grade 1 exam. Our teachers prepare a standardised assessment which is moderated by the music service team before stars are awarded.

Slough Stars Assessments are free for all pupils;

Bronze star: will take on average a term to achieve.

Silver star: two terms are needed on average to complete

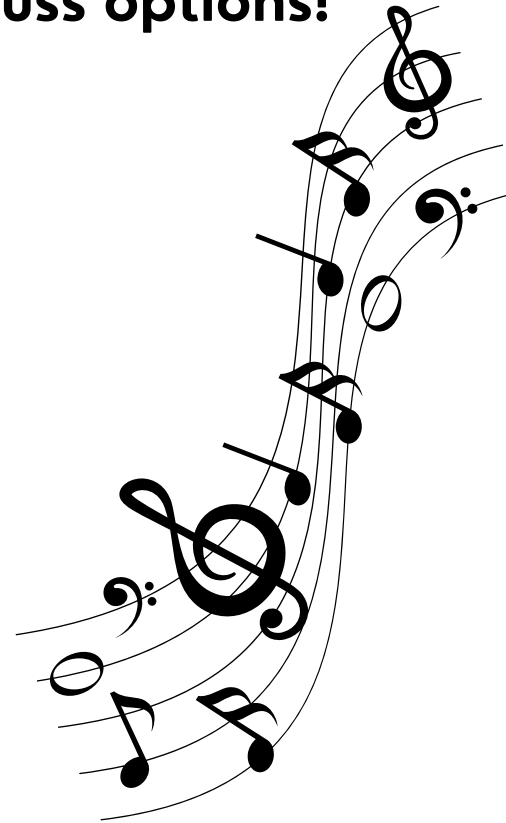
Gold star: this will take three terms on average to complete



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To make our offer bespoke to suit the needs of your school, contact us to discuss options!

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