



LAMBETH MUSIC SERVICE - END OF TERM UPDATE.

24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

## **2020 has been a very unusual and challenging year!**

Usually at this point of the year we would be celebrating music making in Lambeth with festivals and end of term concerts, hundreds of children would be taking their music exams, and many families and friends would have enjoyed watching some great live music at the Lambeth Country Show.

The summer term 2020 has concluded in a remarkably different way. We have had to postpone all of our scheduled summer events, our music centre has remained closed to students and our tutors have been teaching lessons via their front rooms instead of the classroom.

Thanks to the incredible support of families and schools and our staffs' willingness to work in new ways, we have successfully managed to deliver over 350 online music lessons every week and our teams of tutors have been busy replacing their ensemble lessons with pre-recorded videos of songs and creative music activities.

Our tutors have also been utilising their skills in a range of other ways including, administration, instrument repair, project planning and working on Lambeth-wide projects such as recording the backing track for the 'Song for Windrush' which you can find [here](#).

### **Lambeth Sounds Music Hub**

The partner organisations that help us to provide additional in-school and out-of-school activities have also continued to support 85-100% of the children and young people they work with through online learning and activities. These included live interactive events, weekly online drop-in sessions and one organisation has even released a recording of the Civil Rights anthem 'A Change is Gonna Come' which you can find [here](#).

Many of our partners were also featured at this years' Virtual Lambeth Country Show on the [Young Peoples Zone](#).

### **Autumn term**

Moving ahead to the autumn, there will still be some challenges around teaching and learning for our music making community but we are working hard to ensure that all health and safety precautions are in place and Government guidance is met and adhered to.

### **In-school lessons**

As schools prepare to fully reopen in September, we welcome the opportunity to support the well-being of children transitioning back in to the school environment.

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Many teachers (schools) recognise the part that music making will play in rekindling friendships, rebuilding communication skills, developing self-confidence and raising self-esteem after the extended period of home learning.

Our team of visiting music specialists are looking forward to re-connecting with their students and we will continue to work with schools and local authority over the summer to ensure that we can safely return to delivering any face-to face tuition.

### **Brixton Hill Music Centre - 5-18 year olds**

We plan to re-open our music centre in October and we are busy preparing for our buildings and teaching spaces to be ready for the new term.

We are pleased to announce that we have had an incredible response from over 85% of parents and carers eager for their children to return to their weekly lessons and we look forward to welcoming them back.

Spaces are still available for many classes and you can find out how to book lessons for your children [here](#).

We wish all the families, students, schools and partners who are part of the Lambeth Music Service community all the very best for a restful summer break and we look forward to working with you again in the autumn.

Lambeth Music Service lead partner of Lambeth Sounds Music Hub.

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