

# Slough Music Service

*Inspiring Every Child's Musical Journey through Diversity,  
Progression and Inclusion in 2017 – 2018 through providing -*

367 pupils' instrumental lessons in small group and individual lessons

6 days of cross arts gifted and talented workshops for pupils with hub partners 4motion and Neil Valentine

New Slough Battle of the Bands competition and song writing competition

We supported another 630 pupils with music provision and instrumental lessons in schools

Slough Music Service has engaged with 100% of the schools in borough.

4 days of local staff training including Paul Harris, ABRSM and Sue Cowley

6 days of Sinfonia Verdi workshops and performances

1 Music Centre open day in addition to 30 rehearsal weeks and 3 concerts

8 days of Slough Youth Orchestra rehearsals and performances, including playing at the Royal Albert Hall

4 days of ISSP vocal project singing with Tori London

2 day primary multicultural singing festival, 2 days of 'Singing from Scratch', the prestigious Eton Carol Service all with Gillian Dibden

An instrument demo at the Virtual School award evening,

24 pupils have taken instrumental exams

15 days of opera workshops and performance with Mahogany Opera

Taught 2312 pupils music and instruments in whole class and curriculum lessons

1 incredible showcase concert, and This Girl Rocks programme with hub partners 4motion

Musical diversity research and pilot projects

1 community composition workshop with Neil Valentine

1 street performance with Bollywood Brass Band, 4 community choir performances

## ACTIVITIES, NEWS & EVENTS

### Slough Youth Orchestra, 2018 – 2019.

Each year the Slough Youth Orchestra gets bigger, stronger and better! Are you grade IV + on an orchestral instrument? Next year we have two exciting Youth Orchestra sessions in November and again in March, both led by Tom Horn.

The autumn term dates are: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, with a performance on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Further details will be available on our website.



**Slough's community choir, The Curve Choir**, is for everyone. Led by Gemma Cross, The Curve Choir was set up as a collaboration between the library services, Slough Borough Council and Slough Music Service to provide a community choir that is accessible to all. New members are always welcome and we rehearse at The Curve, William Street, Slough from 6.30 – 7.30pm Thursday's during term time. Do come & sing with us!

**The Slough Music Centre** If you play an instrument and would like to join a band with likeminded musicians from across the borough and play in termly performances then visit our website to sign up or come along to Beechwood School at 3.50pm for a 4pm start on a Thursday, from 27<sup>th</sup> September. The music centre is open to any instrumentalist or singers aged 7 and above. Sign up at [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)

The music service was very pleased to be able to offer schools a **'Musical Diversity Grant'** again this year. We offered every school the opportunity to apply for up to £1000 of funding. The grant was offered to achieve greater participation and inclusion in and through music as Slough is one of Britain's 'pluralist towns', where no ethnic group is in the majority as it is essential that schools are supported in developing multicultural music education practices.

Please visit our website to see the full calendar of events for the forthcoming academic year, it is updated regularly so check back now and again.

I wish you the very best for the summer holiday and look forward to making music with you next academic year.

Laura Lancaster – Head of Slough Music Service

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If you'd like to get involved – learn to play an instrument, join a band, choir or ensemble or come on a course please visit our website [www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)