ONLINE TEACHING RESOURCES

Useful links for free resources.

App of the week:
Music Notes Decks - Music Flash Cards

Learn the basics of Music Theory with this notation flash card app. This useful app allows the user to learn note letter names in the treble and bass clef as well as many musical notation symbols.

This app is an excellent accompaniment to learning a musical instrument and adds a fun element to theory!

Available on the App Store.

Website of the week:
BandLab for Education

BandLab is a free education platform for creating and collaborating through music. BandLab for Education, from BandLab Technologies, lets students and teachers work together on tablets and computers to make music and develop their understanding of music production.

The web-based platform runs on Mac, Windows, Linux and Chromebooks. The education edition includes:

- 100 virtual instruments, from synthesisers to wind instruments
- Access to over 2000 MIDI and audio loops
- Support for MIDI hardware including live recordings with instruments or microphones
- Teacher tutorials

BandLab for Education also allows teachers to set musical assignments that can be tracked and marked online. This is an excellent musical resource that really focuses upon the importance of Music Technology in the classroom.

https://www.bandlab.com/

Other useful links(KS1):
Sun, Sea and Song!

Join Nigel Pilkington and Suki, the ship's monkey, as they set sail in search of buried treasure...and enjoy plenty of songs along the way!

Sun, sea and song is a music series of lessons based around the theme of the sea and can be used to support various Key Stage 1 topics such as - The Seaside, Under the Sea and Pirates.

There are seven sea-themed songs to learn, including a number of traditional favourites, and each song is accompanied by a musical activity, an episode of a traditional story and a piece of music to listen to and evaluate.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/music-ks1-sun-sea-song-index/zr4x2sg

Other useful links(KS2):
What are pulse and rhythm? - BBC Ten Pieces

If you are starting to explore music it's helpful to know about pulse and rhythm. They're the foundations to every song.

Pulse is a steady beat like a ticking clock or your heartbeat. It can be measured in time by counting the number of beats per minute (BPM).

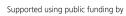Rhythm is the pattern of long and short sounds as you move through the song.

Anna Meredith is a composer and performer. Watch her introduce her body percussion piece 'Connect It'.

This performance is from the first BBC Ten Pieces film.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcbkcj6/articles/z2mqw6f

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Other useful links(KS3):
Chrome Music Lab - Song Maker

The Chrome Music Lab is a website that makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments. Many teachers have been using Chrome Music Lab as a tool in their classrooms to explore music and its connections to science, maths, art, and more.

The Chrome Music Lab allows you to compose rhythmic loops using the Song Maker section of the website. To make a song, add notes by clicking the grid. MIDI keyboards can be used or you can sing notes into your microphone. Songs can be shared using a link.

https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments

Remote Music Tuition

Warwickshire Music is now able to offer online teaching to all pupils. This will be on a first come, first served basis and where possible, existing students will be matched up with their current teachers.

Please visit warwickshiremusichub.org/online-tuition for more information and to submit your application.

Young Musician of the Week

To enter, please email a video of your child's performance along with their name, age, school, school year, teacher's name, plus the title and composer of the piece to music@warwickshire.gov.uk. The winner will be posted on our social media channels every Friday.

Please submit only one piece per week. You will need to submit a photo consent form in order for your child to take part - this can be found on the 'Parents' area of our website, warwickshiremusichub.org. Only your child's first name and title of the piece will be posted if they are the winner.

Entries must be received by 1pm every Wednesday - any entries received after this will be added to the competition for the following week.

Good luck!

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