



(whole class instrumental tuition)

## The Handy Guide



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## The Programme

Wider Opportunities is an excellent, established national scheme which gives all children and young people aged 7-14 a year long experience of learning to play a musical instrument within their class environment. This is a fantastic opportunity to widen musical exploration - finding new interests, talents and skills that might have remained undiscovered.

Wider Opportunities nurtures a deeper understanding of music through the initial stages of learning to play a musical instrument and inspires many young people to continue playing well beyond these first steps.

Wider Opportunities includes musical games, quality singing, composing, listening and appraising, fulfilling all the expectations of the National Curriculum. Assessment of all pupils is provided for the school and parents.

*“I am more into music”*

## The Benefits

Wider Opportunities not only has huge musical benefits, but there is now strong evidence that the programme supports:

- team work
- concentration
- self confidence
- perseverance
- communication
- listening and appraising

Ofsted are currently organising music-specific inspections and encouraging schools to engage with their local Music Hub, so this is an ideal opportunity to develop these new partnerships.

*“Ofsted recently judged 67% of Wider Opportunity sessions to be good/outstanding, compared with 43% of traditional KS2 lessons.”*

## Instruments

Schools can choose from:

violins, violas, cellos, flutes, clarinets, recorders, tin whistles, ocarinas, trumpets, cornets, French horns, trombones, tubas, ukuleles, guitars, glockenspiels, African drums and Samba.

Many instruments can be supplied in appropriate sizes - e.g.  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  size string instruments.

A whole class set of a particular instrument can be supplied or schools can request a selection – giving pupils the opportunity to try a variety of instruments and providing the potential for a more balanced class band.

*“I get to learn how to play a musical instrument that I have never heard of”*

## Continuation and Progression

Many pupils wish to continue playing an instrument after their experience of Wider Opportunities and take more formal lessons in small groups or individually. We supply a list of Approved Tutors and also operate a highly competitive instrumental hire service – with further reductions and bursaries for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

For those who wish to continue learning more informally as part of a larger instrumental group, there is the opportunity to join the WOW Band at York Arts Academy on Saturday mornings at Canon Lee School.

- discount rate of only £35 per term (FREE for looked after children, free school meals and SEN/statemented)
- pupils can keep instrument free of charge whilst in the WOW Band

*“The lessons have made me want to learn to play an instrument”*

## Wider Opportunities Package for Schools

- A qualified, experienced instrumental tutor for up to 1 hour per week for a whole year (30 sessions are a guaranteed minimum)
- Quality instruments for a whole class including the class teacher
- Repair and replacement for any instrument damaged (whilst on school premises)
- Heavily subsidised membership of Sing Up and UK National Association for Music Education – Music Mark for a whole year
- Free CPD sessions for class teachers
- ‘Themed’ concerts at schools to link with the broader curriculum
- Support for transition music days
- Liaison with primary music coordinators and secondary heads of music to support transition
- Free access to the Music Hub Festival for Wider Opportunities classes
- Support for Arts Award Discover and Explore

*“We have fun”*

## The Costs

Schools decide which year group in KS2 or KS3 will benefit most from the programme. We can offer advice on this.

Ideally all pupils in the target year group should have access so larger schools with parallel year groups may need to consider the cost for more than one class.

Additional ‘classes’ can also be added for lunchtime or after school ensembles.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES CHARGES					
September 2013 – July 2014					
No. of classes	1 <sup>st</sup> class	2 <sup>nd</sup> class	3 <sup>rd</sup> class	4 <sup>th</sup> class	Total cost per school
1	£650				£ 650
2	£650	£600			£1250
3	£650	£600	£550		£1800
4	£650	£600	£550	£500	£2300

*The cost to schools is only 15% of the real costs of the programme.  
The remaining 85% is funded by York Arts Education.*

## Subsidy for Sing Up and Music Mark

### Schools must contact us before becoming members

For schools subscribing to Wider Opportunities from September 2013, we are able to offer a substantial subsidy for membership of Sing Up and/or Music Mark for one year. The subsidy is equally available for schools that are either already members or wish to become members.

**Sing Up** provides the complete singing solution for schools, with access to the unique Song Bank, tailored resources, training and personalised support. **Sing Up** transforms school life, improves learning and builds stronger communities.

[www.singup.org](http://www.singup.org).

**UK Association for Music Education – Music Mark** is the new independent organisation built on the foundations of the Federation of Music Services and the National Association of Music Educators, representing and supporting all Music Services and over 12,000 instrumental and classroom music teachers, consultants, advisers, inspectors and lecturers in Initial Teacher Education. **Music Mark** is the principal subject association for music.

[www.musicmark.org.uk](http://www.musicmark.org.uk)

Number of pupils in school	Sing Up membership (ex.VAT)	Music Mark membership	Total for school to pay	Total subsidy to schools WO cost is reduced by this amount	
				Sing Up	Music Mark
Up to 100	£108	£50	<b>£158</b>	£100	£50
101 - 250	£156	£50	<b>£206</b>	£150	£50
250+	£196	£50	<b>£246</b>	£192	£50

To receive the subsidy, schools must join Sing Up and/or Music Mark themselves. Schools who are already members will still qualify for the subsidy.



*“I like the vibration when I pluck the strings”*

## Further Information

If you would like to discuss the Wider Opportunities programme further and how this can be tailored to your school's musical needs, please contact a member of the team.

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*“I like it because it is cool”*



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