

What's on for schools?

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Introduction

Over the last academic year we have endeavoured to put schools and young people at the heart of our programming at Britten Pears Arts. Through events at Snape Maltings and The Red House, teacher training programmes, and workshops in schools, we have supported schools to provide enjoyable and enriching experiences for their students that will inspire a lifelong journey with music.

We continue to champion the arts and creativity as ways of supporting learning and increasing wellbeing. We hope that your school will join us by taking advantage of our visits, projects, performances and out of school opportunities over the next academic year.

Please get in touch with us about anything you see enclosed or more. If you'd like to keep up to date with our latest offers, do visit our website and join our schools mailing list at: brittenpearsarts.org/take-part/schools

We wish all teachers and students a successful and enjoyable year in 2023-2024.

brittenpearsarts.org/take-part/schools



Schools sessions & Visits

The Red House and Snape Maltings have an award-winning offer for families, children and young people. We understand the importance of learning outside of the classroom and have a number of Key Stage 1-3 education sessions for your class, linking music to all areas of the national curriculum, helping to spark children's imagination and creativity.

All sessions run from approximately 10am - 2.30pm and are led by skilled education staff. They are designed to allow children to engage with the location and its collections, while working together as a team. Fee: £2.50 per child (state schools/academies/ free schools/special schools)

£4.50 per child (independent/private schools)

Accompanying adults free

KS3 & KS4

We welcome visits and tours from older students. Please contact us with any requirements and we will be happy to develop a unique visit, tailored just for you.

Sessions at Snape Maltings

Arts Award in a Day

A school trip and a recognised qualification for your children, all in one.

Arts Award in a Day at Snape Maltings is a chance for pupils to achieve a nationally recognised Arts Award at Discover level, develop appreciation and enjoyment of the arts, and take part in an arts workshop - in just one day.

Our exclusive package combines a visit to Snape Maltings to learn about Benjamin Britten and an exploration of different art forms through activity workshops.

Britten Pears Arts has trained Arts Award advisers who will ensure your group meet all the criteria for accreditation and will moderate the log books and apply for your certificates.

Britten Pears Arts are a Trinity College Champion Arts Award Centre for 2023-2024.

These sessions will include:

- A pre-visit to your school by our Community team to give children their own log books and to introduce the upcoming day.
- All Arts Award resources and materials.
- · A sheltered lunch space.
- An engaging exploration of Snape Maltings Concert Hall and outdoor art trail.
- A workshop to help children develop an understanding of Benjamin Britten and his link to Snape Maltings.
- An art or music workshop so the children can experience a new arts activity.
- Assessment of work by trained advisers.
- Presentation of certificates by Museum Staff to your school post visit.

Fee:

£7.50 per child, which includes, materials, Arts Award Logbooks, moderation and certificates.



Sessions at The Red House

Create an Opera in a day

Students take on the role of musicians, designers, authors and performers as they learn about Britten and one of his best loved operas and develop and perform one of their own.

Links: History KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2; English; Art & Design

Murder in the Orchestra

Students become history detectives for the day as they use their literacy, historical, problem solving and exploration skills to crack a special case.

Links: History KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2; Mathematics; Art & Design; Literacy

Musical Minibeasts

Students will hunt for minibeasts in the beautiful garden, explore Britten's Studio and Library and compose their own piece of music inspired by the nature they have discovered.

Links: Science KS1 & KS2; History KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2; Literacy

The Science of Sound

This exciting, practical session explores the science behind sound and music, with students completing numerous experiments and demonstrations throughout the day.

Links: Science KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2

Britten's Childhood

Students will handle and examine real artefacts and toys from when Britten was a child, explore poetry that inspired him, and then work together to develop their own performance.

Links: History KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2; English KS1 & KS2

Britten and Disney

Britten was a huge fan of Disney! Learn about his favourite Disney productions through collection handling and visits to the house and gardens. As 'Disney musicians' for the day, students create music and sound effects using looping technology.

Links: History KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2; Literacy



Music Through Time (Three sessions available)

- 1. Anglo-Saxon & Viking: This unique day will explore the importance of music, art and storytelling at this time and how music was used to unite, inspire and communicate.
- 2. The Stone Age: This day-long session will offer the chance to handle genuine Stone Age artefacts, learn about Stone Age life and explore the numerous ways in which music was made.
- 3. Romans: Explore what life was like in Roman Britain and how music was such an important part of Roman society.

Links: History KS1 & KS2; English KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2

"It gave us a brilliant introduction to Benjamin Britten and a link to Anglo Saxon music. The students were definitely motivated to explore more about Benjamin Britten the person and his music, on their return to school"

- Class Teacher

Musical Maths

Counting, rhythm, scales, notations and sounds are all connected to mathematics. This exciting new session, developed with mathematics advisors, will strengthen mathematical and musical skills, exploring links between the two, and showing how maths is used to create the music we enjoy.

Links: Maths KS1 & KS2 & KS3; History KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2; Literacy

Autism and Nature sessions for SEND Learners

Working with the charity Autism and Nature we have developed interactive and multisensory school sessions at The Red House which are primarily for SEND learners.

These sessions all explore Benjamin Britten and music through participatory activities, designed to maintain interest and engagement. Sessions include:

- An introduction to Benjamin Britten and his music
- Britten and Music Through Time
- Music and Nature

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Links: History KS1 & KS2; Music KS1 & KS2; English KS1 & KS2

KS4 - KS5

Articulation Discovery Days

Articulation Discovery Days are free workshops for KS5 students to help develop their critical analysis, research and public speaking skills.

During this workshop students will:

- Explore art works at The Red House or Snape Maltings through personal observation, discussion and primary research
- Be encouraged to think independently, analyse information, and ask informed questions
- Learn how to conquer nerves, physically prepare, and successfully deliver a presentation to large audiences
- Meet with and interview art world professionals.

Articulation Discovery Day at Snape Maltings Monday 2 October, 10am – 3pm

Articulation Discovery Day at The Red House **Tuesday 3 October, 10am – 3pm**





Big Sing

Friday 17 November 2023

The Big Sing is an event for schools in Suffolk, to give young people the opportunity to sing together in the Snape Maltings Concert Hall as part of a mass choir. Due to overwhelming demand to take part in this year's event, we are live streaming the event so that schools can sing along from their halls – and there's still time for you to join in!

Children will sing songs from this year's 10th Anniversary collection of Friday Afternoons songs, including works by Kerry Andrew, Roderick Williams and Yolanda Brown OBE.

For more information and to sign up for The Big Sing, email community@brittenpearsarts.org

Celebration

Celebration is our annual festival in March for schools and young people's community music groups across Suffolk.

Bring the imagination and creativity of the young people you work with to Snape Maltings, and take centrestage to perform in the world-famous Concert Hall.

Groups are selected for each evening's programme to include children of all ages and stages of learning. All genres, styles, and traditions of music are welcome, including your own compositions. As well as your own performance, all groups join together to perform a finale piece as part of a mass choir. Concerts are presented by Lucy Drever and Rob Gildon, as well as star of BBC Radio Suffolk Angelle Joseph. This year's finale composer is Jessie Maryon-Davies.

The project also includes preperformance opportunities for young people and a CPD session for teachers.

For more information and to apply for Celebration, please email community@brittenpearsarts.org



Aldeburgh Festival

Friday 7 June – Sunday 23 June 2024

The Aldeburgh Festival has been a pilgrimage for lovers of classical music and culture since 1948. Every June it brings together new commissions, world-premieres and international stars on the stretch of Suffolk Coast which so bewitched its founder, composer Benjamin Britten. The 2024 Festival will offer a wide range of events from the familiar to the less familiar, opera, world premieres, artists in residence, leading performers, orchestras and ensembles alongside rising stars, talks, films and more - all taking place at venues across the Suffolk coast with Snape Maltings at the centre. Next year's Festival will include participatory events for schools, as well as discounted tickets available for performances. More information will be available when the Festival programme is released later in the year.



Year-round resources

Friday Afternoons

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Afternoons

Friday Afternoons is a Britten Pears Arts led singing project connecting teachers and young people with contemporary composers, through creating high quality repertoire, resources and training to encourage challenging and exciting music making experiences for all. Alongside free downloadable resources including an extensive Song Bank of new repertoire, sheet music, backing tracks and learning tracks, Friday Afternoons is launching a set of composition resources and pathways, designed to encourage teachers to feel confident writing songs with young people. These will be released in January 2024.

To get your resources visit brittenpearsarts.org/ friday-afternoons

Artsmark

Artsmark is the creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England, supporting their commitment to high quality arts and cultural education.

Britten Pears Arts is an Artsmark partner, proudly supporting schools and education settings on their Artsmark journey. We offer education settings who are working towards, or currently hold an Artsmark Award, with the following opportunities:

Our Artsmark offer includes the following:

- Whole day schools sessions, or teacher led visits to our sites
- Projects such as those included in this booklet
- In-school workshops
- CPD opportunities
- Online resources, such as Friday Afternoons
- Opportunity to develop longer term partnerships

Find out more about Artsmark at artsmark.org.uk

Children's University Provider

We are delighted to be a Learning Destination for Suffolk Children's University. Children's University is a charity that works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. This is done by encouraging and celebrating participation in extracurricular activities in and outside of school.







Group A

Working with 8-18-year-olds in Suffolk, Group A consists of vocal performance groups that rehearse and perform throughout the year.

Regular sessions take place in Lowestoft and Leiston and new members are always welcome. We also have opportunities for young people in Ipswich throughout the year as part of Group A.

The project gives young people opportunities to work with a wide variety of professional musicians and artists, explore a breadth of musical genres and take part in exciting and creative performances, locally and nationally. Past performances have taken place at Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh Carnival, Suffolk Show and First Light Festival. The work aims to help build positive community links and raise aspirations for young people.

We are also able to offer in-school vocal workshops and assemblies as part of Group A for schools based in Lowestoft and Leiston (and the surrounding areas). This will give your pupils a taste of Group A and how they can get involved.

For more information about Group A, visit our website or email community@brittenpearsarts.org



Aldeburgh Young Musicians

Aldeburgh Young Musicians (AYM) is an artist development programme for promising young musicians aged 10-18. Based at Snape Maltings the young artists explore a creative curriculum focusing on performance skills, musicianship and musical language.

AYM is part of the national network of Centres for Advanced Training. The residential programme, combining school holiday projects and weekend courses, brings together a collective of multi-instrumentalists and vocalists. The young musicians explore a diverse range of musical genres under the guidance of leading Professional Artists. AYM is looking for curious and engaged young musicians who are eager to explore a variety of musical disciplines and genres. We welcome applications from ambitious and dynamic young people who want to develop their musical skills in a collaborative environment. Applicants do not need to have taken a specific exam but should be at approximately grade 5 level at age 10. Entry is via audition, where the panel are looking for musical potential alongside technical proficiency.

For more information about the programme and details about taster days and auditions, visit brittenpearsarts.org/AYM



Mini Music Makers

Mini Music Makers is a morning session of fun music and play activities for 0-5-year-olds that usually takes place at The Red House, Aldeburgh.

These sessions, which include singing and creative play, are great for little ones to learn social skills, turn-taking and sharing.

Contact us to take part

The Red House, Aldeburgh Tickets: Free, but please book

Most Fridays throughout the year



Music Makers

Join us at Snape Maltings for free afternoons of music making, exploring styles from jazz fusion to orchestral music.

Sessions are for children aged 5-11, and no musical experience is required. If you play an instrument then bring it along, but we'll provide some to try out and enjoy. Children will have fun with warm ups and musical games, and create their own piece of music together. **Snape Maltings** Tickets: Free, but please book

Sunday 17 September Family: 12.15pm - 1.15pm

Wednesday 25 October 5-7 years: 2pm – 3pm 8-11 years: 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Sunday 19 November Family: 12.15pm – 1.15pm



Work Experience

Britten Pears Arts and Snape Maltings Trading Limited can, between them, offer a wide range of work experience opportunities for students. Our current work experience offer includes short placements, 1 to 2 weeks, with our retail, catering, backstage and community teams. We aim to offer meaningful placements which give students the chance to meet a range of people and learn new skills. We have been delighted that we have been able to employ a number of people who first connected with us as part of a work experience programme.

For more information about work experience, please email careers@brittenpearsarts.org



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Access

We aim to make our sites and projects accessible for all. If you would like to discuss any access needs before visiting us, please do get in touch. For further information on access, please see our website **brittenpearsarts.org/visit-us/access**

We also have visual stories available for both Snape Maltings and The Red House. If you would like these to be sent to you, please get in touch.

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