

Supporting Confident Music Teaching: A CPD Programme for Secondary Music Teachers



SAFFRON WALDEN
COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



This professional development programme is designed to support **early career teachers** and **those looking to strengthen their music teaching practice**.

It provides the ideal opportunity to **build confidence**, **deepen subject knowledge** and **connect with others working in music education**.

Programme details:

- The programme begins with a **full-day in-person training day** at Saffron Walden County High School, focused on creating a positive learning environment, planning for progression, and developing key skills at KS3 to support success at KS4.
- Following the initial day, participants will take part in **three online twilight sessions** across the year (dates tbc), offering continued guidance on curriculum planning, inclusive teaching strategies, and assessment.
- The programme concludes with the **Greater Essex Music Curriculum Conference**.

Training Day - Saffron Walden County High School, CB11 4UH

Friday 14 November, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Session 1: 9.30am	Creating a culture for learning in the music classroom - What do you want your students to learn? - How do you create a positive learning environment? - How do you incorporate whole school policies into music lessons?
Break 11.00am	
Session 2: 11.20am	Planning and sequencing the curriculum for progression – an introduction - How do you move from one activity to the next in a lesson? - How do you ensure that knowledge, understanding and skills are developed over time? - Planning schemes of work and the model music curriculum expectations. - Assessment – best practice.
Lunch 12.30pm	<i>Delegates will need to bring their own lunch</i>
Session 3: 1.00pm	Teaching skills in KS3 to build a good foundation for success at KS4 - Developing singing in KS3 classroom – ideas for warmups and simple starter activities, basic singing technique and good singing health, progression. - How do you lay the foundation for composition in KS3? - Practical adaptive teaching for SEND and more able students.
Session 4: 3.00pm	Partnerships - What is a music hub? - How do hubs, music services and arts organisations work together in partnership? - How can you as a teacher work in partnership with your local music service?
Finish 3.30pm	

Facilitators: Caroline Law, Director of Music, [Saffron Walden County High School](#)
 Fiona Muir, Music Teacher, [Saffron Walden County High School](#)
 Sally Thomson, Music Curriculum Officer, [Greater Essex Music Hub](#)

Cost: There is no charge for this training day. Delegates will need to bring their own lunch.

Questions: If you have any questions about the training day, please contact sally.thomson@essex.gov.uk

Booking link: BOOK HERE: <https://forms.office.com/e/fCT1y91N2D>