

# ARTS

## PEOPLE

### EXCELLENCE BY THE HOUR

## ARTS PEOPLE PARTNER MAIL JULY 2021

### GOOD NEWS FOR THE ARTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS?

The DfE published statistics in June showing a halt to the decline in hours of arts teaching between November 2019 and November 2020. These increased by +2% in secondary schools. The number of arts teachers overall stayed the same, with a small increase in the number of music teachers. We welcome this.

Nevertheless, the significant decline in secondary arts provision since 2010 remains a significant concern. We also recognise the major challenge that many primary schools face in providing quality arts provision. We are doing all we can to help.



### THE ARTS PEOPLE MISSION

Arts People believes in the power of the arts to change lives. When we established the business three years ago, we prominently featured a comment by Andria Zafirakou, the Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Of 2018 and now prominent in supporting disadvantaged youngsters to access the arts. She said,

*"I have seen how the arts help students to communicate. The arts help to give so much confidence. They create incredible young people."*

We agree.

With growth again this year, despite the challenges of the pandemic, Arts People will be working next term with 700 students each week, developing confidence, skills and aspiration through the power of the arts. We are delighted too that we are taking tentative first steps in subsidising arts for the disadvantaged. We are now offering discounts targeted at Key Stage 2 class teaching of pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium. Supporting instrument lessons for similar youngsters with the potential to become great musicians is also planned.

Our first Arts People newsletter explained our commitment to excellence by the hour. That commitment has not wavered. Because all young people deserve the very best.

### THE ARTS PEOPLE GUARANTEE

We ensure *Excellence by the Hour* by:

- Safer recruitment
- Only employing excellent tutors – they are all practising artists and able to inspire young people
- Paying tutors to have teaching and safeguarding training
- Quality assuring our provision (including lesson observation)
- Responding to concerns quickly and effectively

## FLEXIBILITY TO SUIT THE CLIENT

We were concerned this year when one of our clients did not realise the scope of our payment flexibility for instrument lessons. We want to put that right.

There are three ways to pay:

1. Annual payments from the school. To recognise the helpfulness of this for our administration and cash flow, we offer a £1 an hour discount for this.
2. Termly payments from the school.
3. Direct payments from parents. This may be appropriate when parents are paying the cost of lessons. In this case, we offer a simple online payment facility.

We are always happy to discuss with schools what method of payment suits them.

## WIDER SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS

Arts People is known for our excellent music provision, but always had a wider commitment to the arts in schools. It is our intention to grow the Arts People offer further. Recently, we have been delighted to help schools with visual art provision, including organising model projects, supporting extra-curricular art, and teaching primary art lessons. Get in touch if you have any art needs.

We are also keen to support drama and dance. Great offers are available to schools this year.

## THE ARTS PEOPLE OFFER

We can provide:

- Primary lessons (including PPA cover) in music, art, drama, and dance.
- Instrument tuition
- Workshops: songwriting and literacy; folk songs and local history; world music and art
- Support for after-school clubs and holiday provision, including choirs and music groups
- Training for primary staff in music and art delivery



## TIMETABLING 2021-22

We are keen to meet schools' changing needs, but we also appreciate that our tutors are practising artists with other commitments. It is useful to know schools' needs as early as possible, but we will try to accommodate changes or late requirements. We may be able to meet September or October requests. Please ask.

