



Awards for
Young Musicians



Furthering
Talent

Supporting musical young people from low income families.
Nominations being accepted now!

Furthering Talent

Awards for Young Musicians (AYM) are a music education charity working across the UK and genres of music.

We believe that musical talent is everywhere, but opportunity isn't. Family finances and other barriers too often get in the way and we're here to change that.

Many families are not in a position to pay for instrumental lessons once free, first access, whole class tuition has ended. We developed Furthering Talent to directly address this barrier.

Furthering Talent supports over 600 children in partnership with 10 Music Education Hubs.

It places the core principles of personalised learning, multi-partner input and the valuing of each child's individual journey towards a musical life at the heart of the programme.

We're looking for young people who meet the musical and financial criteria to join the programme. There is a short nomination form to complete and if successful they will be paired with an instrumental teacher to start their one-to-one lessons. Contact your Furthering Talent Local Coordinator for more details.

"Teaching on Furthering Talent has helped me to connect with my pupils in a deeper, more personalised way. The lessons I have learnt here will inform my future practice and hopefully reach much further than my initial Furthering Talent pupils."

Instrumental teacher



"When I pick up my violin I always think about how lucky I am to have all these amazing opportunities, especially getting to go to all the wonderful places I've been invited to by the people I've met through music."

Furthering Talent student

Support

Furthering Talent supports the instrumental learning of children from low-income families beyond initial state-funded lessons, so they can keep on playing music well into their teens and beyond. The key strands of the programme are:

A weekly individual or shared lesson

- 30-minute individual or shared weekly lesson
- Instrument and genre of their choice
- Minimum of 2 years support

An Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

- Personalised plan based on each child's individual needs
- 3 goals per term agreed with their teacher
- Focuses on musical exploration beyond technique
- Accessed via Charanga's YUMU platform

A personal bursary to support musical progression

- Linked to ILP goals
- Example spends could be concert tickets, exam costs, visits to a recording studio

Get Together events

- Termly events introducing students to the world of music
- Families are also included, encouraging them to become more involved with their child's musical journey
- Events have ranged from opera workshops to DJing and beatboxing

Mentoring

- Access to a trained mentor for bespoke support
- Mentors are young adults previously supported by AYM and now working as musicians
- Opportunities to join the Young Peoples' Programme Panel, learn new skills and influence programme development

Termly Teachers' Forums

- 2 hour termly meeting for all teachers on the programme
- Teachers are paid to attend
- Discussions around student progress, sharing good practice and ongoing CPD opportunities
- Chance to input into the development of the programme



"The help and support that is offered to these young musicians is amazing. I cannot express my thanks enough for the fantastic start this is giving Sarah."

Parent



Contact us

For more information about Furthering Talent and for details of your Local Coordinator please contact:

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