

FREE VOCAL SESSIONS FOR CHOIR TEACHERS

Do you want to form a school choir but need some guidance?

Have you been asked to run a choir and are not sure of the next step?

Are you an experienced music teacher but would like to develop your knowledge and technique to augment your current teaching?

Do you need a refresher course to enhance your own singing ability?

The Last Choir Singing Team are holding **FREE** vocal sessions for those teachers who are involved in teaching primary school choirs or teaching music to groups of children. They are open to **ALL** primary schools within the North West of England.

Choirs of all sizes and experience enter Last Choir Singing and some teachers ask us for help and guidance. We first introduced these vocal sessions two years ago in response to those requests. Some of the choirs whose teachers and conductors attended our vocal sessions have made it through to the Finals. However, you do not need to have entered the choir competition to be able to take part in these sessions. All teachers are welcome.

Workshops

Choral Leadership with Tom Newall (operatic, orchestral and choral conductor)

An introduction to how to approach teaching music to primary school choirs, which begins with a series of warm-ups, incorporating the physical, breathing, vocal and mental warm-ups. Tom will give ideas of warm-up games to help develop the children's singing and show how best these can be delivered to help effective learning. The second part of the workshop will be the teaching of a song. Tom will show how the warm-ups can be developed and used when teaching a song, and how to teach a song effectively, from the first sing through to the choir's first full run through once it has been learned.

The Contemporary Choir with Duncan Heather (internationally acclaimed singer and vocal coach)

A fun two hour session on helping to create a "modern" choir by using singing techniques & movement to help create a contemporary sound and look, as opposed to the more traditional, classical route. Duncan will do the latest vocal warm-ups using the "Vocology In Practice" theory. The group will then learn harmonies and melodies of a modern choir piece, using an iPad and backing track. Duncan will show how to add movement whilst keeping the focus on the sound and voice production.

Our suggestion would be to attend both workshops as each one will approach the subject from a different perspective. They are also a good opportunity to chat to other teachers who may have found solutions to some of the challenges faced in running a school choir. Venues and timings are below.

Please see the dates below.

Venue	Dates	Times	Workshop
St Catherine's RC Primary School, Leyland	Mon 8 th October 2018	16.00 pm – 18.00 pm	Choral Leadership
St Stephen's C of E Primary School, Blackburn	Mon 15 th October 2018	16.00 pm – 18.00 pm	Choral Leadership
Clifton Primary School, Lytham-st-Annes	Tues 16 th October 2018	16.00 pm – 18.00 pm	The Contemporary Choir
St Mary's RC Primary School, Great Eccleston	Wed 17 th October 2018	16.00 pm – 18.00 pm	The Contemporary Choir
Altham St James Primary School, Altham	Tues 30 th October 2018	16.00 pm – 18.00 pm	Choral Leadership
St Joseph's RC Primary School, Lancaster	Thurs 1 st November 2018	16.00 pm – 18.00 pm	The Contemporary Choir

To book onto any of the above workshops, please email Anita at anita.shaw@truebearing.co.uk.