



getsorted...
changing lives through music

schools

tailored music solutions for schools

Music education is extremely important as music helps with literacy, maths, science, history, geography and other areas of the curriculum as well as developing the creativity in children and young people. Music improves co-ordination, memory, motor skills as well as helping to develop social skills and leadership skills.

Whatever your musical needs let us help you find the solution. Get Sorted provides a local voice for music in education and in the community by providing a wide range of music and arts workshops and activities and by supporting schools that do not have professional musicians in-house.

All our staff are CRB checked, friendly and experienced and most importantly enjoy making music with children and young people.

our philosophy

- **Everyone Counts:** Everyone is welcome at Get Sorted. We look after the needs of individuals, groups and parents. What you want to achieve, we aim to deliver.
- **In the Mix:** Variety is at the heart of what we do. We don't tell you what to do; we help you to learn the thing that will make a difference for you, in the way you want to learn.
- **Musical Youth:** Get Sorted is young at heart. We believe that fun is central to learning and we find ways to learn that match the personality of our pupils, young and old.
- **Schools Out:** We leave the normal stresses, strains and structures of school behind and make learning part of a fun, social environment.
- **Modern Times:** We believe that music and performance have roots back in time but we are never fusty or old fashioned. The way we present, package and teach music and performance is always up to date and reflects the very best of today.

Whatever you choose to do at Get Sorted you will find that our principles make a difference.

music can transform how we feel & learn



themed workshops



extended services



what people say about us



individual music lessons



staff training



other services



after school activity



rock band



where to find us

themed days/workshops & projects

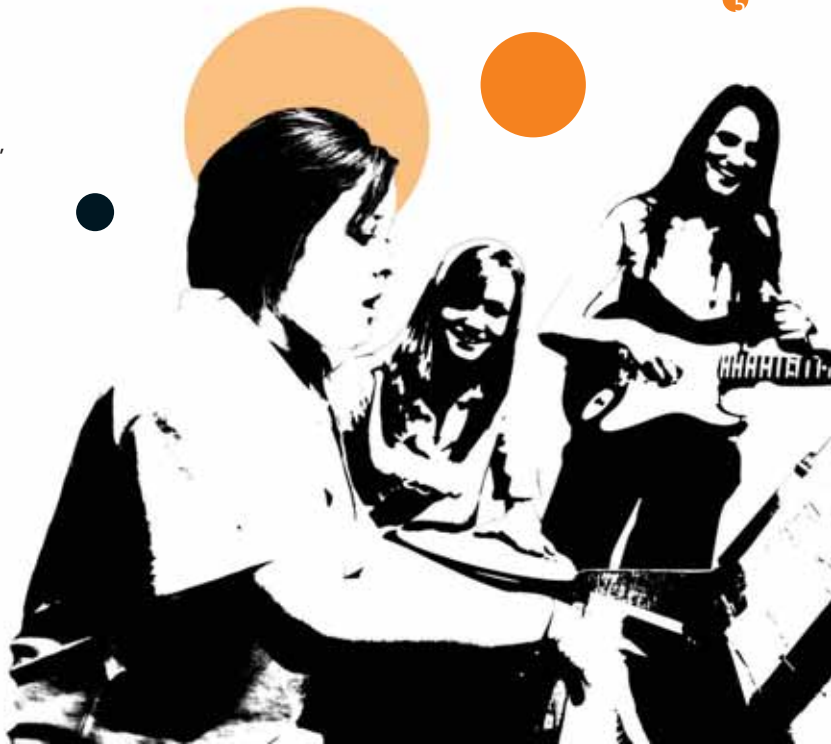
Organising a special week or themed days, looking for a workshop with a difference or want to bring music into your topics or curriculum subjects, then let us help you. Get Sorted provides a range of full day and half day themed music and arts workshops. We bring all the equipment as well as providing experienced staff to make your special day run smoothly. We offer a wide range of workshops including: band development, junkyard jam, drumming, sounds in science, multicultural, dance, drama, percussion, art frenzy, musical theatre, electric guitars etc.

Whatever your event, let us help make the day fun, musical, creative and exciting.



- **Modern Music Workshops:** Year 5 and Year 6 will thrive on the Modern Music workshops which include playing simple popular songs on the Electric Guitar, improving their voices and singing along to karaoke Rock and Pop tracks as well as the piano. They will soon be singing along to their favourite musicals. Children really enjoy aspiring to their favourite bands, so we have developed our own School Of Rock, where children will learn a favourite chart hit, learn the parts on electric guitar, bass and drums and practise and perform with their band. Maybe some children just want to specialise in learning to play the drum kit or electric guitar, then our 1-1 music lessons will soon get them playing and performing
- **Seasonal & Cultural Celebrations:** In the Chinese New Year, primary children can learn to sing Chinese songs, by learning special New Year songs using the Chinese language, listening to Chinese music and creating their own music using a range of tuned and untuned percussion. We have a wealth of Christmas and winter musical plays which children can learn and perform in front of friends and family and can add instruments, dance or drama to make it more exciting. If you are celebrating Harvest Festival, Easter, Japanese New Year, Lohri, Mardi Gras, Eid or Diwali let us help your children celebrate by making music with them and singing the cultural songs.

- **Junk Recycling Workshops:** Junkyard Jam - be inspired making and creating music using recycled objects and everyday items that would otherwise end up in the waste bin. Children and young people explore making music and rhythm with metal, plastic and wood as performing in a class band using junk. Use plant pots, large water bottles, old suitcases, brushes, wooden spoons, tins, canisters, wooden stools, kitchen utensils, tent poles, bits of wood, and old plastic lids to compose and create a junkyard jam.
- **Multicultural:** Let us take your children on a journey through rainforests and tropical jungles or visit Africa, travel through Australia, the Caribbean and Europe using traditional and multicultural instruments and learning songs from different cultures in different languages. Take part in a Samba Band or make music using giant seed pods, boomerangs and other strange and unusual instruments.
- **Topic Based Activities:** Music can play an important part in adding another dimension to your topics. Food, people who help us, space, toys, world war, recycling, monsters and dragons, fairy tales, recycling etc, are just a small number of topics we have covered in the primary school. We use a wide range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments as well as keyboards and rock band instruments. Whatever your topic or curriculum area, let us bring it to life using music.



extended services

Get Sorted works closely with Extended Services as well as the schools. This means we are able to deliver action packed school holiday activities as well as delivering after school and lunch time music and art activities in Rotherham schools. This is invaluable to schools and the children because it means they are able to enjoy making and creating music in their own school, with their own friends and there is no travelling to the town centre for families who do not have transport or have other commitments.



- **Lunch Time Clubs:** We can provide a wide range of music and arts activities to keep children amused and focused during lunchtime. These tend to be most popular in the winter as the weather often dictates indoor playtime. Activities can be for any key stage and can be fun activities as well as providing a learning experience. They can be an addition to topic work or can be a whole new creative experience for children who want to explore different musical or art experiences.
- **After School Clubs:** Get Sorted believes that music changes people's lives and this comes out most when children and young people join after school clubs both in and out of school. Some schools prefer to run their after school clubs on site so that the children don't have to travel into the town centre or because they know their children will only attend clubs on site. Some prefer to organise after school clubs off site where the young people make their own way to Get Sorted and take part in a range of clubs currently on offer. We offer a wide range of workshops and activities and these can be dictated by the children and young people, by the schools or can be suggested by our own staff. After school clubs can lead to school performances or the children can be given a special show time during school assemblies.

- **Vulnerable Groups:** Music is an excellent hook for engaging children and young people. For those hard to reach young people music and art can provide an early intervention as some children and young people use music as a way of expressing themselves or as a way of burning off excess energy or anger. Rapping is extremely popular with year 6 students and those in the early comprehensive years as some hard to reach young people see this as their only way of expressing what is going on inside them. We can organise activities at school as well as at Get Sorted.

- **Putting on a Show:** Need help putting together a winter concert, a harvest festival or an end of term show or concert. We can support you or can work with the children and help you to plan the event. We can provide a pianist if that is all you need or can provide a band if you are looking for something different. We have a media department that can come along and video your performance or can come along and audio record your performance if you would like to sell CDs at your concert. We also have a range of musicals, musical stories and plays which we teach with the aim of performing at shows.



rock bands

Being in a rock/pop band encourages children to work together creatively, develop team working skills and leadership skills whilst helping each other to progress and develop individually. Being in a Rock Band workshop is great fun, noisy and hectic, but a great way to learn as it is modelled around informal learning. Everyone in the group plays electric guitar, bass guitar, drums and sometimes keyboard as well as learning a chart song. Then, the young people are put into bands and encouraged to work and practise with their band which will lead to a performance, as all the bands in the class take to the stage.

Some of the kids comments

"Playing bass was the best....never played that before"

"I'm getting better every day"

"The best part was working as a band because it was great"

benefits

- bringing people together
- social skills
- music career
- ongoing activities
- promotion & merchandise



personalised rock music

Rock On (personalised Rock Music sessions) is aimed at year 5 and year 6 children who want to learn the electric guitar and the drum kit. We offer something unique in schools and something which has been requested by lots of children.

The 1-1 guitar sessions include learning basic chords, strumming and picking techniques and working towards pieces which are fun and in the charts.

The 1-1 drumming sessions introduce the children to reading basic drum music, stick techniques, rudiments, rhythm patterns and other basic drum techniques.

Soon the children will be playing along to their favourite tunes getting rid of all that excess energy and having fun.



after school clubs

Get Sorted firmly believes that after school music and arts clubs are an important way of delivering Every Child Matters outcomes. There is lots of evidence proving that after school clubs can help to:

- Improve pupil attainment
- Raise self confidence and self esteem
- Improve motivation and attendance
- Reduce exclusion rates
- Improve concentration, achievement and behaviour
- Improve attitudes to learning

Whatever your after school needs are, let our qualified staff work with you and your children and young people.



- **MC-ing:** Learn to Rap/MC like the professionals with this fun filled rap workshop
- **Art Frenzy:** From 3D sculptures to caricatures, Art Frenzy workshops cover all aspects of art and craft.
- **Band Development:** Be part of a rock/pop band and have the opportunity to play the drums, electric guitar, bass guitar and vocals as you rehearse for your band.
- **Drum Fit:** This is a new and exciting way to keep fit while improving your drumming skills. This workshop combines aerobics, gym ball exercise and basic drumming techniques to create a fun and unusual way to keep fit.
- **Guitar:** Whether it's acoustic or electric your children want to learn on, our workshops cover all the basics from learning simple tunes to power chords.

- **Junkyard Jam:** Be inspired to create and play music using every day items that no one seems to want any more. An excellent way of using recycled items whilst making fun and interesting music and sounds.
- **Multicultural Music:** Travel the world through music and learn to sing songs in foreign languages as well as playing authentic instruments from around the world.
- **Music Theatre:** Combine your acting and musical skills by taking part in a musical play. This workshop is the perfect opportunity to sing, dance and act.
- **Film & Drama:** Be the star in your own film by taking part in our film and drama workshops. You can be an actor or can be a camera person capturing the drama shots for your own film.



staff support & technical support

We always enjoy coming into school and discussing your musical needs with you. Whatever ideas you have we welcome working with you so that your children can enjoy creating and performing music. We have worked with staff members over the years and welcome staff to join in our workshops and sessions so they can have hands on experiences. We are able to provide motivational drumming circles for staff as part of one of your training days or can come and discuss music as a whole school approach. Whatever training your staff may need, we are always happy to help.

During the years we have recorded school performances as well as capturing those special moments onto film. We can then record everything onto DVD or CD for you so they can be sold at performances.



what people say about us

- “ The Get Sorted team, in negotiation with the school, build a bespoke package for our children of exciting, lively, energetic and often very loud activities! The very varied team of music professionals draw upon a wide range of musical skills and talents to enthuse and engage the children every single week.
I would recommend the Get Sorted Team to anyone interested in discovering the 'fun and interactive side of music' that is suitable for ALL ages! ”

Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School

- “ We use Get Sorted for several sessions during the school holiday. They are reliable, pleasant and have good communication skills with both children and parents. They are always our first point of call. ”

Penny, Families of Rotherham East

- “ Charlie always enjoys his drum lesson, we feel this is mainly due to the tuition he receives at Get Sorted. We thank Dave who does an excellent job. ”

C. Shaw, Parent

- “ As a mature student I must first thank Rachel for her patience and understanding of what I am trying to achieve and her encouragement to keep trying. I enjoy the lessons and the opportunity to play the guitar with Rachel and this has led me to a greater appreciation of the guitars range of sound and expression.
May I take this opportunity to also thank every one at Get Sorted for their friendly efforts to bringing music and entertainment tuition to people of all ages. ”

R. Margetts

- “ The year group have returned full of enthusiasm and evidently found their 'work experience' to be enjoyable and worthwhile. The students gained a valuable insight into the world of work and this will be tremendous help to them when planning for the future. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated by all staff at the school. ”

David Pridding, Headteacher

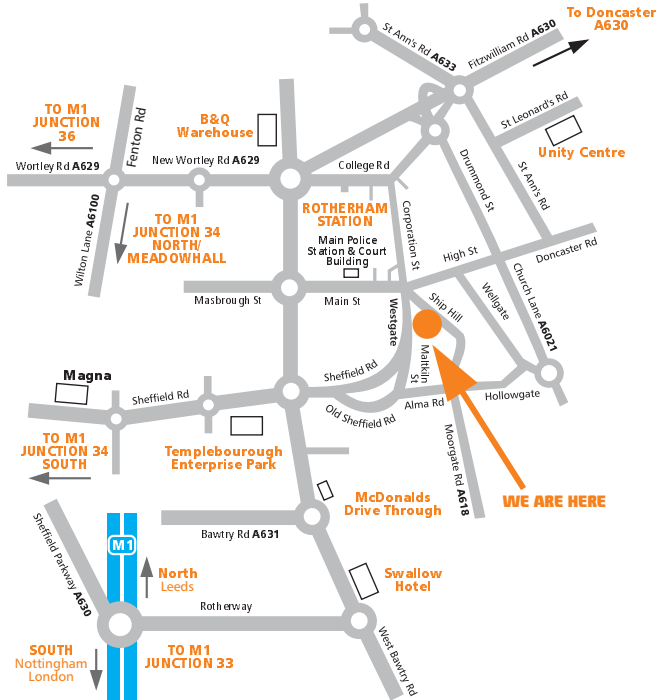
other services

- **Music Tuition:** Get Sorted offers a wide range of daily 1-1 tuition between the hours of 10am and 8.30pm. Lessons include guitar, bass, drums, vocal coaching, strings, woodwind and brass. All our students have a personal tutor who work with them at all stages of their learning. All lessons are personalised and students develop their own skills based on their own needs. Students have the option to take exams through Rock School or the Associated Board of Music, or can develop a certain style of music that they particularly enjoy. Students can study different genres of music or just learn for fun. All students have homework diaries, biannual reports and receive high quality tuition by our experienced staff. Further information can be found in the music tuition brochure available from the Get Sorted office.
- **The Shed:** The learning centre also known as The Shed provides a range of alternative curriculum programmes for young people. Students are referred into this area from schools, social services, youth offending teams as well as the early intervention team and Connexions. The young

people learn how to enjoy learning again and work on a range of programmes and challenges which lead to accreditation. As well as providing a wide range of education programmes, we also provide pastoral care which includes signposting to other agencies which is on a needs basis. We have a very good success rate of students moving on into higher/further education, being re-integrated back into school or moving on into the world of work. Further information can be found in The Shed brochure available from the Get Sorted office.



- free advice
- free talks
- taster sessions
- joint bidding on funding



from the South

leave the M1 at J34 Meadowhall. Take the 4th Exit at the roundabout signposted Tinsley. Follow for approx 2 miles. Go straight on at the first major roundabout to Westgate. Get Sorted Academy of Music is on your right.

from the North

leave the M1 at J34 Meadowhall. Take the 2nd exit at the roundabout signposted Meadowbank/Rotherham. Turn right at first major traffic lights. Turn left at the T-junction onto Masbrough Street. Go straight on at the roundabout to Main Street. Turn right at the T-junction onto Westgate. Get Sorted Academy of Music is on your left.



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