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SPECIALIST SCHOOLS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ISM seminar looks at music's role in achieving excellence



MUSICAL SCHOOLS are the focus of the **Incorporated Society of Musicians'** next Music in Education seminar at the **University of Westminster** on **Saturday 1 March**.

More than **40 state secondary schools** now have specialist status for music; the seminar will aim to find out how **music** can contribute to **raising standards** and **improving student achievement**.

Head teachers, school managers, class teachers and **instrumental teachers** will be able to hear from those who have successfully made the switch to specialist status. They can also take part in workshops and discussions on how specialist schools are set up and run.

Richard Jones, the **Specialist Schools and Academies Trust's** National Co-ordinator for Music and Performing Arts, will set the scene from a country-wide perspective.

Participants will hear about two schools that have achieved specialist status — the **Judd School** in Kent and **Northampton School for Girls** — from the leaders who got them there.

John Arkell, **A-Level Principal Examiner** for Music with **Edexcel** and Head of Academic Music at Oundle School in Cambridgeshire, will present the case for an **alternative to A-Level Music**, the **Cambridge Pre-U**.

Rebecca Duckworth, singing animateur at **Ely Cathedral**, will demonstrate how choir schools are reaching out into their communities as part of the **Choir Schools' Association's** national singing programme.

The day costs **£60** (£50 **ISM** members). The full programme and booking form can be downloaded at ism.org/musicalschoools

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Note to Editors: The Incorporated Society of Musicians is the UK's professional body for musicians. It was founded in 1882 and aims to promote the art of music and uphold the honour and interests of the musical profession by protecting the interests of musicians, raising professional standards, and providing legal advice and other benefits to its members. Its 5,000 members include performers, composers, and music teachers, as well as others involved in the musical profession.

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Tim Daniell, seminar chairman and **ISM** Music in Education section Warden:

“Contrary to what we are sometimes led to believe, there is a good amount of high-quality and innovative music-making going on in our schools. Music is special, and that is why we are looking at how it can contribute to raising standards across the curriculum.”