Extra Curricular Recovery

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Why do we need Extra-Curricular music?

Is it worth recovering?
Let’s think of music teaching like a story.
Students are the heroes in this story
We are their guides
But there are also lots of villains…
Villains cause problems for us
External Teacher Problems:

- Budget Cuts
- Hitting Targets
- EBACC
- Lack of support
Internal Teacher Problems:

Are we doing a good job?
Can we keep going?
Are we inspiring enough?
Am I a good teacher?
Philosophical Teacher Problem:

Every student deserves to experience the joy of making music, performing music and being part of something musical.
The story of music teaching is that we must overcome these villains/problems so that our students become heroes and music flourishes in our schools.
But what we do as Music teachers is like a “product” that we are “selling” to our students (& parents) that will help them overcome the problems in their own personal stories.
External Student Problems:

Exams
Parent Pressure
Peer Pressure
Social Media Pressure
Internal Student Problems:
Am I good enough?
Do I belong?
How can I get better?
Do I have the talent?
Philosophical Student Problem:

I want to find a place to belong, do something I love and experience life in all its fullness.
So what do we do?

What are we going to offer the students in our schools?

Assuming your curriculum is strong and in place.....

...we offer them the very best Extra Curricular programme that we can - always keeping in mind our own internal & external problems.
Post Pandemic Recovery

• Small ensembles are fine - sometimes less is more.
• Re-evaluate what you do, why you do it and the impact it has.
• Invent new groups, ensembles and bands - do something new.
• Don’t ditch Zoom, use it to your advantage.
• Partnership works and matters more than ever.
Inclusive
Worthwhile
Fun
Consistency
Community
Say Yes?
Parents
Music Hub
Students
“Come to the edge.  
We might fall.  
Come to the edge.  
It's too high!  
COME TO THE EDGE!  
And they came  
And he pushed  
And they flew.”

Christopher Logue
Build Something
I only hope that we don't lose sight of one thing - that it was all started by a mouse.

Walt Disney
Remember what inspired you...
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