

## **GSW HUB**

# **Educational Software for Primary and Secondary Music Teachers (with Costings)**

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### **Notation & Composition Software**

- MuseScore: Free
  - Flat.io: Free basic / Premium from £5/month
  - Noteflight: Free basic / Premium approx. £6/month
  - Sibelius First: Free basic / Full versions from £9.99/month
  - Dorico SE: Free / Full versions from £11/month
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### **Music Theory & Ear Training**

- Musictheory.net: Free
  - Teoria.com: Free
  - TonedEar: Free
  - Tenuto (iOS): Approx. £4 one-time
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### **Performance, Practice & Aural Skills**

- SmartMusic: Paid; approx. £30/student/year
  - Solfa: Free basic / Full version ~£5
  - SingTrue: Free basic / Paid upgrades ~£5-£10
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### **Interactive Music Learning Games & Resources**

- Chrome Music Lab: Free
  - Isle of Tune: Free
  - MusicplayOnline: Approx. £150/year per school
  - Groove Pizza: Free
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## **DAWs (Digital Audio Workstations)**

- Cubase LE/Elements/14: Multi student site licence £34 each (available from Steinberg)
- Ableton Live 12: Intro version site licence £69 each: Free version available
- Garageband: Free on all Apple devices. Also available for PC (Mac/iOS)
- FL Studio: Student bundle: £215
- Tracktion: Free
- Logic Pro 11.2 (recommended for students who are considering a career in music technology): £199 (as part of Apple Pro Apps bundle for education)
- PreSonus Studio One 7.1: £129 (recommended as above)
- BandLab for Education: Free
- Soundtrap for Education: From £4.50/student/year
- Audacity: Free
- Cakewalk: Free
- LMMS: Free
- Reaper: Free trial / £60 discounted license
- ProTools First: Free version then £95.00 (another one recommended for those students considering a career in music technology)

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## **Music Curriculum Resources**

- I Can Compose: Approx. £80–£100/year (brilliant range of composing courses for students from Y7-13)
- Musical Contexts: Approx. £90–£120/year (complete KS3 curriculum plus considerable resources for GCSE)
- Music Department Resources: Approx. £80–£100/year (brilliant curriculum resources, presented on google slides and featuring embedded video and audio clips, including a complete skills based KS3 Curriculum)
- Charanga: Approx. £250–£450/year (varies by license) Hubs can subsidise these process to Mainstream schools.

- BBC Ten Pieces: Free: features a range of lesson plans, audio clips and musical examples.
  - NYCoS resources: Mostly free or low-cost
  - ABRSM: Classroom 200: Free: features a range of lesson plans, audio clips and musical examples.
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### **MusicFirst Classroom Products**

- MusicFirst Classroom: From £400/year (varies by package)
  - Focus on Sound: From £300/year (discounts for larger schools)
  - Noteflight Learn: From £180/year
  - Soundtrap: From £4.50/student/year
  - PracticeFirst: From £200/year
  - Sight Reading Factory: From £30–£100/year depending on license
  - Auralia & Musition: From £400/year
  - O-Generator: From £150/year
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### **Highlights of MusicFirst Platform**

- Cloud-based
- Safe & GDPR-compliant
- Assessment-ready

- Cross-curricular
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## **Particularly Useful Combinations**

### **Primary Schools:**

- O-Generator
- Noteflight Learn (simple notation software)
- PracticeFirst
- Focus on Sound Junior (interactive lessons with audio clips and quizzes)
- Changa now have a suite of software packages that can be put together through the GSW music hub engagement. These include. Auralia, Musition, Focus on Sound, YuStudia and OGEN+.

### **Secondary Schools:**

- Focus on Sound (300 interactive lessons with audio clips and quizzes)
  - Elemental (more interactive lessons/theory/listening)
  - Noteflight Learn (notation software)
  - Sight Reading Factory
  - Auralia & Musition
  - I Can Compose (composition projects)
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