

As a secondary school,teacher I would like to comment on the benefits of having a robust and committed music curriculum in schools.

In my own school I see a diversity of ways in which students enjoy music. For those with learning difficulties, music can be a form of release, of becoming involved with others and, most of all, enjoyable.

Music lends itself to so many other areas of study including history, commerce, language, maths, science, media. Music is a part of everyday life and should be a part of school life where students can develop an awareness of its myriad forms and uses.

In a world where financial considerations and political power seem to predominate I would remind our political leaders that a strong economy is driven by a happy society and music is a major contributor to this.

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