

A Foundation for Success at Key Stage 3, GCSE and A Level Music

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An engaging, interactive and authoritative online resource to enhance teaching and learning music – accessible anywhere, anytime on any device.

"Focus on Sound has completely transformed our KS3 education. Fantastic! Our kids love it. The best money I've ever spent."

Lewis Edney, Director of Music, Royal Alexandra and Albert School





## **Teaching**

- Special display mode for whole class quizzes
- Extensive encylopedia of instruments and terminology for reference to stimulate learning



### Learning

- Accessible at home, at school and on the go
- Assists students with composing activities and background research
- Provides vital revision materials for exams such as GCSE and A Level
  - Encourages students to learn an instrument



### **Online Assessment**

- Live results on student tests for both multiple choice or written answers
- Results table exportable to learning management systems including the MusicFirst Classroom

## What's in Focus on Sound?









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### **Instruments**

A large encyclopedia of instruments ranging from the more familiar orchestral instruments to more obscure world instruments. With audio, videos, pictures, notation examples and learning advice, students can gain a broad insight into an instrument's origin, how it fits into ensembles, what it sounds like, and how it is played.

#### **Sound Words**

As the largest part of the software, Sound Words contains around 800 musical terms. These are grouped in topics like harmony and subtopics like pop chord progressions.

#### Lessons

Nearly 300 structured lessons containing learning activities and listening tests. These are perfect for whole class teaching or individual student work. There are resources for all the UK exam boards, including lessons on most of the set works.

### **Tests**

Testing and quizzes are at the heart of Focus on Sound. There are unlimited randomized tests and quizzes and over 200 extra tests with fixed answers. Tests include comparison exercises perfect for use in class discussion, video discussion questions, and listening tests on important musical works.

### **Results**

The results page displays the number of tests taken, the most recent date and time a test was taken, as well as percentage marks.



## Focus on Sound Pro

This new exciting upgrade to the platform gives teachers the ability to create new resources using the slick interface and newly developed powerful lesson and test creation tools.

photos to explain the music

 Create custom lessons using existing content and your own

 Set your own tests using 4 types of questions and 17 types of answers

• Assign work to individual classes, groups or the whole school

NEW WITH FOCUS ON SOUND PRO ONLY

## Instruments First

The junior version of Focus on Sound aimed at upper Primary into Year 7 covering the basics of music, as well as instruments and music theory.

\*Focus on Sound 250-user+ purchases only.

Special Offer

ONE-YEAR TRIAL OF INSTRUMENTS FIRST FOR FREE\*

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definitions

Key Features	Focus on Sound	Focus on Sound Pro	Instruments First
Instruments dictionary	•	•	
Music terms dictionary	•	•	
Simplified dictionary for KS2			•
Lessons	•	•	•
GCSE, A Level & Scottish curriculum	•	•	
Key Stage 3 resources	•	•	
Tests	•	•	•
Typed comparison questions	•	•	
Video discussion/writing	•	•	
Results system	•	•	•
Class demonstration mode	•	•	•
Study scores	•	•	
Learning advice	•	•	•
Videos, audio, photos, diagrams & music scores	•	•	•
Content creation tools		•	
Test creation tools		•	
Set activities and tests for classes		•	

Focus on Sound is now used in over 500 UK schools and 12 different countries.

Pricing starts from

£99

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"The students are engaged, showing progress and also I can keep track when I need to. You are amazing!
Thank you so much."

Pamela Bryant, Head of Music, Kingsdown School

"Fabulous – such a powerful tool for both lessons and homework. The impact upon the students has been marked. They enjoy the topics and find it a brilliant 'confidence builder'!"

Nick Duff, Director of Music, Warlingham School

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**Focus on Sound** is part of the **MusicFirst** suite of cloud-based software which cover notation, sequencing, aural, theory, practice, and sight-reading alongside the **MusicFirst Classroom**.

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