



BOARDING ROCKS

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE
BOARDING SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS BOARDING ROCKS?

The BSA is turning 60 and to celebrate we want to showcase the brilliant Rock and Pop musicians across member schools through **Boarding Rocks** - a dynamic competition inviting member schools to compete for the chance for their bands to perform at the annual BSA Heads conference in May 2026.





WHAT IS THE BAND PROJECT?

CONFIDENCE THROUGH PERFORMANCE

TEAMWORK THROUGH REHEARSAL

RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH PRACTICE

The Band Project is the only music education provider to combine specialist rock and pop-based learning with a deep understanding of independent school culture and expectations.

www.thebandproject.co.uk

WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US?

“Our daughter got so much out of The Band Project and was very keen to repeat the experience again the following term. She worked alongside others to improve her musical and collaborative skills and loved the chance to perform and showcase what she’d learned. The teachers were supportive and skilled and we thoroughly recommend this to others.”

- Parent, Tormead Senior School

“The Band Project has been a fantatsic addition to our musical provision. The tailored material has inspired and helped each band to grow as musicians. This, along with the experience of the end of term gig, has also seen the children develop in confidence. Get involved!”

- Mr J. Marconi, Head of Music, Dorset House Prep School





HOW DOES IT WORK?

Boarding Rocks is open to schools nationwide, with participating schools selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Three schools will be chosen, with one band from each school taking part. Bands may include any combination of instruments, must have between five and eight members, and can consist of students from Year 6 to Year 13.

The music will celebrate the last sixty years. Each band will learn two songs chosen from curated playlists: classic hits from **1966**, tracks by outstanding **Boarding-school alumni**, or a modern song from **The Band Project** playlist.

Each band will take part in three 90-minute workshops with Band Project Director Chris Mountford and members of the Band Project team. They'll learn and arrange their chosen songs, build core performance and band skills, and film a final performance.

Leading UK session musicians will review this performance, provide personalised video feedback for every band and select two winning bands to perform at the Gala Dinner, with the runner-up playing at the pre-dinner drinks.



REGISTRATION

OPEN:

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5th 2025

CLOSE:

FRIDAY JANUARY 23rd 2026



WORKSHOPS

JANUARY 2026 - APRIL 2026:

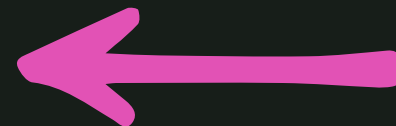
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PERFORMANCE

TUESDAY MAY 5th 2026

PERFORMANCE AT BSA HEADS
CONFERENCE



FEEDBACK

APRIL 2026

VIDEO FEEDBACK /
ANNOUNCE WINNERS

WHAT WILL THE BAND PROJECT PROVIDE



Tutors for Workshops

All Band Project tutors hold enhanced DBS checks

All administration

Liaising with Heads of Music to organise all workshops

Equipment

Source any equipment needed for workshops and performances throughout

Parent & School Communication

Student registration incl media consent, information for performances

Media & Social Content

Photos / Videos from workshops and in school gigs shared with BSA and participating schools

**LETS CREATE
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