

EXPLORATIONS



On Tuesday the 11th May the Music Service arranged a workshop with Richard Duckett for our instrumental staff.

Richard has spent years as an instrumental teacher and performer and has produced many nationally known tutor-books (including the 'Team' series: Team Brass, Woodwind and Strings).

Richard re-enforced the ideas of group-teaching strategies, which the instrumental staff have been embracing over the last few years.



Improvisation, Call and Response, Musical Recall; all of which broaden the musical experience and outcomes within a lesson, were explored.

Gone are the days of individual lessons, learning note by note, perhaps without even hearing or feeling the music at all.

This, of course, opens the debate as to whether we are teaching the instrument or music! (All e-mails gratefully received!)

Richard is in the process of producing a new series entitled '**Explorations**' which supports the delivery of this broader approach to instrumental teaching and helps to link with classroom music, endeavouring to break down the barriers between the two (perceived or otherwise).



Elizabeth Palmer
making helicopter sounds!