

West End hit **School of Rock the Musical** and National Schools Partnership are excited to bring you **My School Rocks!**, an inspiring set of cross-curricular resources for ages 7-11. The show is not only a mega hit with kids, it's also the perfect learning tool to captivate pupils' imagination, and explore the themes of self-expression and **achieving the unexpected...** as well as celebrating how awesome teachers are!



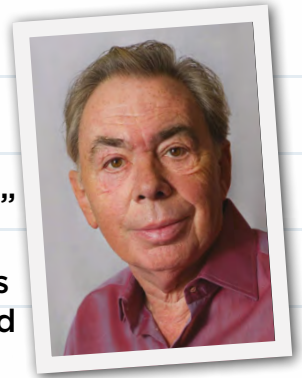
### ROCKIN' RESOURCES

- **Teacher Overview** - you're reading it! Check out the fun activity ideas to help you use School of Rock the Musical to inspire memorable cross-curricular learning
- **Activity Sheets** - three pupil-facing sheets to support the activities: Going for Goals; Exploring Playscripts; Costume Design
- **Competition Leaflet** - take-home leaflet for pupils with a fantastic creative writing task and competition to give them a chance to win free VIP trip to see School of Rock the Musical for the whole class, including a chance to talk to the cast after the show (entries can be submitted by teacher or parents - see leaflet for details)
- **Script Excerpts** - a great way for pupils to have a taste of a real playscript, explore characters and dialogue, and try their hand at acting
- **Sheet Music** - give pupils the chance to find their voices as they learn a song or lyrics from the show and explore how these show the characters' emotions
- **Education Guide** - more info on School of Rock the Musical's plot, characters, authors and; careers in the arts; rock and roll history; and more pre- and post-show activities
- **Teachers Guide** - want to stage School of Rock the Musical in your own school? This guide provides advice on how to plan, cast, rehearse and stage your own unforgettable production



## ABOUT SCHOOL OF ROCK THE MUSICAL

Andrew Lloyd Webber, the man who brought rock and romance to the stage, is back with a new heart-stirring hit. **SCHOOL OF ROCK** “is not a lesson in air guitar: it’s rock’n’roll” (The Times) and “An inspiring jolt of energy, joy and mad skillz!” (Entertainment Weekly). The Mail on Sunday raves ‘Full marks to all concerned but specially to Andrew Lloyd Webber, who goes to the top of the class’



Based on the hit film, this hilarious new musical follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn a few extra bucks by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A students into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. While teaching these pint-sized prodigies what it means to truly rock, Dewey falls for the school’s beautiful, but uptight headmistress, helping her rediscover the wild child within. The Daily Telegraph says that School of Rock is “The most enjoyable few hours money can buy”.

Featuring 14 new songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber and all the original songs from the movie, this high-octane smash delivers face-melting guitar riffs and touching romance in equally awesome doses! “A rabble-rousing rock score: Lloyd Webber’s most vivacious for years” (The Observer) and Time Out New York raves, “SCHOOL’s in - FOREVER!”

## HOW TO BOOK

There’s nothing more thrilling than live theatre! We not only want to give your pupils an amazing educational experience, we’d also love to help you come and see the show. Book an unforgettable school trip to see School of Rock the Musical at New London Theatre now and mention ‘My School Rocks!’ to get a fantastic reduced-price offer for your school. Email [groups@reallyuseful.co.uk](mailto:groups@reallyuseful.co.uk) or phone 020 7087 7763. Groups of 10 or more get £25 tickets, plus one teacher goes free for every 10 pupils aged 16 or under! All group rates valid on Band A and Band B seats for Monday - Thursday performances





### AWESOME ACTIVITY IDEAS!

Teachers are the rock stars of the classroom! In *School of Rock the Musical*, Dewey Finn finds a unique way to help his pupils discover their hidden talents and feel free to express them. Here's some fantastic activity ideas to inspire your pupils express themselves and strive for their goals, just like the children in the show.



### PSHE – Setting goals

Show pupils the inspiring 'Smells Like Tween Spirit' videos - 6 episodes can be viewed at <https://uk.schoolofrockthemusical.com/smells-like-tween-spirit-episode-1-theyre-band/> - in which the young actors from *School of Rock the Musical* talk about their amazing journey from audition to first night on the West End stage. Then ask pupils to reflect on a goal they'd like to achieve (however small or big) and write down three things they could do to work towards it. Who could help them? You could ask pupils to visualise what it's like to achieve their goal and then role play the scene or write a diary entry expressing their pride and excitement. (See the Going for Goals activity sheet.)

### Drama – Exploring character and dialogue

Could your pupils be the next West End sensation? The script excerpts give them the chance to show their talents. Get pupils, in pairs or small groups, to practise, reading the dialogue with expression and emotion. They should discuss how the dialogue is used to tell the audience about the characters. What are their personalities like? What are they feeling? What do they want? As an extension, explain that plays often see characters change as a result of what happens to them. In *School of Rock the Musical*, the children become more confident and free to pursue their dreams because of their encounter with Dewey Finn. Ask pupils to read and compare the scenes on excerpt 1 and excerpt 2, describing how the dialogue indicates how the characters have progressed. After rehearsing the scenes, pupils could present them to the rest of the class or even polish the performances for a special school assembly. (See the Exploring Playscripts activity sheet.)



### English – Writing playscripts

Use the scripts to help pupils identify the features of a playscript (e.g. character names, dialogue, stage directions).- How is a playscript different from a novel or poem? Now it's their turn to find their inner-playwright, as they choose a scene and continue the dialogue between the characters... or create their own. (See the Exploring Playscripts activity sheet.)



### Music – Exploring songs and song writing

Explain that, in musical theatre, songs are often used to help characters express their feelings. Teach pupils the song 'If Only You Would Listen', in which the children try to tell their parents how frustrated they feel (or you can read through the lyrics). Ask pupils to discuss the emotions that the characters are feeling, and how the lyrics reflect these. Give pupils the chance to express their own voices by writing poems, then add simple rhythm and/or melody to turn them into songs.

### Design and Technology – Designing costumes

Explain that a Costume Designer has the exciting job of designing the costumes for the characters on stage. Costumes must help the audience understand what the characters are like, but also allow the actors to move... or even dance! If they haven't already, ask pupils to read through the exchange between slobby rocker Dewey and prim headteacher Rosalie, then use their artistic skills to design costumes to show their contrasting personalities. (See the Costume Design activity sheet.)

And don't forget to give your pupils a **Competition Leaflet** to take home, for the chance to win a VIP trip to see **School of Rock the Musical** in the West End – **Rock on!**

