



INTRODUCTION

HMDT MUSIC and The Royal British Legion are delighted to be working in partnership to bring you our new schools' project *D-Day 75 Remember Together*.

The Royal British Legion is encouraging the nation to Remember Together. Seventy-five years on from the D-Day landings we are asking everyone to not just remember the British armed forces involved but to remember the Commonwealth and Allied nations who fought side by side with Britain; the men and women who as spies, inventors, meteorologists or workers on the home front ensured the landings were a success; and finally the members of the French Resistance who fought alongside the Allied armies in France. We want to remember them all.

The Royal British Legion is a champion of Remembrance. It aims to make Remembrance understood and available to all. One of the ways in which the Legion is doing this, is by partnering with HMDT Music to develop this schools pack.

Two specially commissioned songs have been written around the theme of D-Day for schools and community groups and choirs to use as a basis for their own reflection on the sacrifice and contribution of those who took part in D-Day.

Our aim is for you to immerse yourselves in the theme both by learning and performing the songs on or around **6 June 2019**, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. The songs have been written to suit both schools without much music provision, who will be learning from the listening tracks, as well as schools and choirs with specialist staff. In order to accommodate all needs and levels we have provided tracks for you to sing along to, (vocal and piano and/or piano only), as well as vocal and piano scores for those of you who will be accompanying your students. For more advanced singers, there are descant parts available and composer Matthew King has generously agreed to allow you to make your own instrumental arrangements as appropriate. So whether you are just listening to the tracks, singing along or doing full-scale concerts of the songs, do join the nation by contributing your school's participation in the project.

To support the learning of these songs, we have developed a series of cross-curricular teaching resources introducing a range of key elements involved in the D-Day preparations to highlight the collaboration and contribution of so many different people, from so many countries, in so many roles and from so many different walks of life.

These lesson plans offer a range of activities and information, designed for you to adapt as appropriate for your students. The majority of activities are aimed at KS2 students but where they are marked in the contents, they are also suitable for KS3. The list of Contents outlines the broad variety of activities offered, which in turn sometimes lead you to further specialist activities online.





Please do share your experiences of the project with us by letting us know where and when you will be singing the songs, sending photos or recordings of your school singing, or sharing students' work, in particular their Thank You letters, to those who contributed to the events of D-Day.

Do get in touch if you have any queries: info@hmdt.org.uk or 020 8882 8825.

We hope you enjoy the project and that you have a memorable experience commemorating D-Day 75.

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