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## **DRUMMING TO THE BEAT IN THE COMMUNITY**

Talented students at Priestley College welcomed in a respected Musician in order to fine tune their skills.

Visiting tutor Vinnie Pearson who has 30 years experience as a drum teacher and is a member of the Musicians Union took the students through a workshop based on rhythm patterns and dynamics.

The major point to the visit was for the students themselves to analyse the lesson ahead of them delivering their own workshops to a range of outside organisations including community groups and schools.



Vinnie talked at some length during the workshop about the relationship between the nature of music and inner well being.

Commenting on the event, Priestley Music Tutor, Mark Edgington, said, "Our students were interested to learn all they could from Vinnie and so far have enjoyed passing on the knowledge gained to younger children."

Adding, "The community programme has proved extremely successful and we look forward to working on further links next year."

### **Photo**

Drum Tutor Vinnie Pearson (back centre) guides a group of Priestley Music students through a workshop on rhythm patters and dynamics.

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