Dear friends and EPP participants,

As we enter the Christmas season, the EPP teacher recruitment phase is nearly complete. On 21 January, a final induction session will take place at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

With financial support from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Professor Lucy Green volunteered to join the project. Moreover, the feedback from the inductions has been overwhelmingly positive. Additionally, we have been joined by like-minded music teachers working in Brazil and Cyprus. As you can imagine, the research team are immensely excited about the growth of the project. We wish to convey our sincerest gratitude to every participating teacher.

Professor Lucy Green

In February, a teacher questionnaire will be sent to you by e-mail. If you have not completed the 7–10 weeks of the strategies with your students, please merely wait until later and, then, return the questionnaire.

Please also share your experiences of the project with the research team through the EPP blog. Posting a comment is really easy, with no technical knowledge required; the research team welcome your perspectives on the strategies, audio materials and handbook. Aside from being an enjoyable way to network as an educational practitioner, the remarks you provide are also valuable ongoing feedback for us. Here are the 5 easy steps:

1. Enter the secure zone of the website and click the link under ‘EPP blog’.
2. Click ‘Comments’ in the light grey bar to display remarks already posted; scroll to ‘Post a comment’ at the bottom of the page.
3. Type into the box; do not forget to include your first and last name. The research team might want to follow up some of the remarks.
4. Select ‘Anonymous’ from the ‘Comment as’ dropdown menu and, then, click ‘Post comment’.
5. If prompted to undergo a word verification step, please do so and click ‘Post comment’ again.

Thank you for all your support with this exciting venture. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Lucy, David and Maria (the EPP research team)