

ACTIVITY 1

Music that connects us

This activity helps students to think about the songs they connect with, and create their own songs, poems or prayers about connecting.

NB: Be particularly aware of care-experienced students, adopted students and those in kinship care during this activity, and students who may have limited contact with parents or other family members.

- Listen to / watch the music video for one of the songs about connections (listed on the right) – or source one of your own.
- Discuss the lyrics with the students, posing questions such as:
 - What do you think was the inspiration for the artist to write the song?
 - What do you think the visuals add to the meaning in the song?
 - How do you feel when you listen to the song or watch the video?
 - For people that feel disconnected or lonely, what can songs and poems do for them?
- Ask students to write a list of any songs that really connect with how they have felt at an important time in their lives.
- Discuss some of the key songs and words that connect people such as Happy Birthday, Prayers, Football Anthems (You'll Never Walk Alone; Three Lions; Sweet Caroline etc); or singing together at a concert.
- Set students the task of writing a song, poem or prayer about connecting.
- Display these on a 'Let's Connect' board, alongside the students' ideas about songs that help them to feel connected.

Song ideas



Stormzy

Blinded by Your Grace

[▶ Watch Stormzy](#)



One Republic

Connection

[▶ Watch One Republic](#)



Quinn L'Esperanc

Human Connection

[▶ Watch Quinn](#)



Ed Sheeran

Photograph

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Bruno Mars

Count on Me

[▶ Watch Bruno](#)



This activity is designed for 11-14 year-olds, but could be used with other age groups too. To differentiate or extend the content, refer to our other activity ideas.