

Dear Parents and Carers

9th September 2022

Year 7 Music Lessons

I am very excited to let you know that we will be teaching every Year 7 student a musical instrument this term. We have specialist teachers coming in from SoundStorm for 10 weeks to teach brass and strings and I will be teaching woodwind. During their weekly music lesson they will receive instruction on how to hold and make a sound from their instrument, and they will learn to play some simple pieces.

Instruments will be assigned by class as follows:

7S	Doods (mini-clarinets) (Wednesdays)
7T	Violins (Thursdays)
7U	Violins (Thursdays)
7V	Violins (Thursdays)
7W	Brass (cornet, trumpet or trombone) (Thursdays)
7X	Brass (cornet, trumpet or trombone) (Thursdays)
7Y	Doods (mini-clarinets) (Fridays)
7Z	Doods (mini-clarinets) (Fridays)

Each student will be loaned an instrument which they should take home so they can practise. Then they will be expected to bring this to school on the day of their music lesson.

In order to release an instrument to your child we will need you to complete the attached form. The instruments are released on the understanding that students will take care of these instruments and that you will be responsible to cover the costs of any loss or damage. On the day they have their music lesson, your child will be able to drop their instrument to the music room for safe keeping and collect it at the end of the day. All instruments will come in a strong protective case.

Whole class instrumental teaching is part of a scheme called First Access, which is aimed at giving every child the opportunity to learn an instrument. I hope it will be an enriching experience for all. Like any new skill, it takes patience and resilience to make progress and the key to success is regular practice.

Please complete the permission form using the link below by 17th September in order to release the instruments in time for their first lesson.

<https://forms.office.com/r/DWYtFwJEnv>

If you have any questions or concerns about this please do get in touch with me.

Kind regards

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