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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Information for Year 5 Instrumental Students – 2020

It has been such an exciting year in 2019 to see the wonderful development in our strings and band instruments, particularly with our current Year 4 students. Our numbers have grown in both Junior Concert Band and Junior String Orchestra this term, creating a fantastic hive of activity around the Music Department and a wonderful sense of achievement for our young musicians. We would like to continue this into 2020 and offer your child a position in the CAC Music Academy.

Why should my child continue to play a musical instrument? The research into this question is quite extensive and the main reasons include:

1. Playing a musical instrument relieves stress
2. Playing a musical instrument makes you smarter
3. Playing a musical instrument improves your social life
4. Playing a musical instrument helps build confidence
5. Playing a musical instrument teaches patience
6. Playing a musical instrument fosters creativity
7. Playing a musical instrument improves memory
8. Playing a musical instrument develops discipline
9. Playing a musical instrument gives you a sense of achievement
10. Playing a musical instrument is fun.

Students in Year 5 in 2020, are now given the choice to continue their band and string instrumental music lessons. If a student chooses to continue, the lessons will again be delivered **in a group format** with the lessons and instruments provided by the College – **there is no fee to the parents**. Students may also select to pay for private or paired lessons, and the College will continue to provide an instrument if required.

**It is a requirement of all Year 5 students involved in the Music Academy to participate in either the Junior Concert Band or Junior String Orchestra.**

- Junior Concert Band      Tuesday morning      7.40-8.25am
- Primary String Orchestra      Thursday afternoon      3.15-4.00pm

As the academic programme increases in Year 5, all group instrumental lessons are given out of class time. The times on offer are provided on the individual registration forms for this programme.

Parents will be required to purchase music books as assigned by the music tutor – these are approximately \$30 each. These will need to be purchased as the student progresses through the various levels of knowledge. The Music tutors will provide parents with the information required for these books.

The **application forms will be available from their instrumental music tutor later this term.** Please complete these forms before the end of Week 8 this term in order to organise groups and instruments for next year. Please contact myself or Mrs Shelley Bissett or the Music tutors with any further queries. We look forward to continue developing your child's musical gifts.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs Liz Smith

**HEAD OF MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COORDINATOR**