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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to you ahead of September to re-advertise the musical provision we have at WHS with 26 visiting music teachers in school every week giving lessons in nearly every orchestral instrument and voice. Any student in any year group is welcome to apply for lessons with one of our visiting music teachers. We do hope students might be tempted to pick up an instrument as they start in September. Once you have completed the form, Sue Brownrigg (Music Administrator) and I will allocate students to visiting music teachers, and we will then be in touch to help set up lessons. We have also included information about ABRSM/Trinity exams below, which students can sit through the school every term, and a brief summary of ensembles which your daughters may wish to participate in.

Visiting Music Teacher lessons

We have 26 visiting music teachers (VMTs) here at Wimbledon High. Lessons are held during the school day – with any student who has one music lesson a week missing one academic period a week. This period is rotated every week so that students do not miss the same period in a day more than once in a half-term. Any student who learns more than one instrument in school will have their second instrumental lessons time fixed outside of the academic timetable where possible. Most VMTs have availability to start lessons in September, however if there is no availability, you will be placed on a waiting list which will be consulted when spaces become available.

To sign up for instrumental lessons, please complete this [this form](#)

ABRSM/Trinity Exams

We host ABRSM exams every term in the church next door – and these are organised through Wimbledon High School. Students who have their instrumental/vocal lessons inside or outside of school can apply. Those that learn in school will be entered by their visiting music teacher following a conversation with the student and parents. Those students that learn outside of school should register interest in taking an exam by emailing Sue Brownrigg directly.

We will always email all senior school students who take part in our various music ensembles to advertise these exams every term. We have recently also started running Trinity Exams through the same centre, though Trinity exams do require a large enough sign up for Trinity to send an examiner. As with ABRSM, please contact the Music department if you might be interested in signing up your daughter for an exam.

Co-curricular Ensembles

We actively encourage all students who learn a musical instrument, whether in or out of school, to be involved in our huge variety of musical ensembles. There are ensembles to cater for all standards of musician, and we are particularly keen that those playing orchestral instruments play regularly in a relevant group. Those playing at Grade 6+ standard are welcome to join Concert Orchestra, those playing around Grade 3-5 are encouraged to join String Ensemble if they play a string instrument, or Swing Band if they play a woodwind or brass instrument. For students performing at Grade 7 or 8+, ensembles such as Sinfonia (our chamber orchestra) and Big Band can be auditioned for in September. Students can sign up for un-auditioned ensembles via SOCS in September and further details about all our musical groups will be sent out nearer the start of next year.

We look forward to welcoming your daughters in September, and please do get in touch if you have any questions in the meantime.

Best wishes,



William Ford
Director of Music