



10th September 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Music Department Information

As we start the new academic year with great energy and fresh enthusiasm I am writing to you to let you know about all the very exciting music extra-curricular activities we have on offer this year. Once again we have a packed musical calendar and I very much hope that your son or daughter will participate in at least one of these ensembles during the year.

All Y10, 11, 12 and 13 Music Students are expected to join the HBK Singers and Concert Band if they play an appropriate instrument, and may also join as a cast member in *Guys and Dolls*, our whole school production for the year.

All other students are very welcome to join any of the ensembles or activities listed below and we look forward to seeing as many as possible taking up the opportunities as we start rehearsals next week.

Students will be signing up in school in the usual way for a range of clubs but if you would like your child to participate in any of the activities within the Music Department perhaps you would be kind enough to send a quick email and then I will be able to follow them up in school.

Musical events this year include an Autumn Concert before half term on Tuesday 23 October and a Christmas Concert at the end of term on Wednesday 19 December, when the Christmas Community Choir will have a starring role. Please can I take this opportunity to invite you to join us? This choir is open to students, parents, teaching and support staff, governors and friends in the community. Bring along a friend and make new friends in a relaxed and stress busting fun singing session after school on Fridays as we start the weekend! Please don't tell me you can't sing – everyone CAN sing but many of us just need to find that little bit of confidence so we can have a great time singing with others. Believe me – there is nothing better or more satisfying than singing with lots of other people, and you will all appreciate the buzz and thrill when we perform brilliantly at the Christmas Concert.

The two main school productions this year are *Guys and Dolls* in early February and *Bugsy Malone* in the summer. There are already details on the website about these.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Kind regards

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Music Department Rehearsal Schedule

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| | Lunch 1.00-1.40pm | After School until 5pm unless informed otherwise. |
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| Monday | HBK Singers-open to all, Y7-13 and staff | Guys and Dolls |
| Tuesday | Saxophone Ensemble, open to all sax players | Concert Band (incorporating Swing Band) Until 5pm, open to all wind, brass, string and percussion players. |
| Wednesday | HBK Singers | Concert Band (incorporating String Ensemble with Mrs Brien) Until 5pm |
| Thursday | Guitar Orchestra – see Mr Cooke A Level composition | Guys and Dolls |
| Friday | Folk Group –open to all who like traditional music of the British Isles – singers/guitarists, string players, accordion players, recorder or tin whistle players etc. | Christmas Community Singers 3.45-5pm (starting Friday 5 th October and every Friday thereafter until the Christmas Concert) |
| | Rhythms of Egypt – please see separate rehearsal schedule or email Mrs Kim Hall on twomoles@tiscali.co.uk | |