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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Instrumental Music Lessons for 2017/18

We are very proud of our national reputation in music as it plays a prominent part in the life of our school. To continue and support this tradition of excellence, enviably large numbers of pupils access instrumental lessons across a wide variety of music disciplines.

In addition to lessons, pupils also have access to first class ensembles directed by very experienced staff, enhancing their skills as a musician in a way that only ensemble performance can achieve. School ensembles have been regularly selected to play in Music for Youth National Festival concerts in prestigious venues such as Birmingham Symphony Hall and the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Should you wish, your son/daughter can have access to instrumental lessons. This may be a continuation of instrument lessons that they have accessed in previous academic years or it could be an opportunity to play an instrument for the first time. Lessons will be accommodated on the school site and during school hours.

This year, the school is deferring to two providers for its music tuition and further details are attached with this correspondence. Our providers are Gwent Music Service who offer a wide variety of music tuition and OC Music which will offer violin, and viola lessons from Mr Peter James and piano lessons from Mr Chris Knott. In addition to confirming the range of instrumental lessons available, the information will outline how to register interest and confirm enrolment. It is important to note that should you wish to proceed with lessons, you will be linking directly with the provider for provision and payment and not the school.

Our musicians bring enormous credit to our school and I wish to thank teachers, parents and pupils for their continued support; long may our musical success continue.

Yours sincerely

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