



Wood Green School Music Department
Extra Curricular Activities and Instrumental Lessons.
September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Fellow Musicians

I do hope that this letter finds you well.

I am writing to share with you with exciting news that the Music Department at Wood Green School is getting back on track and is now able to offer Instrumental Lessons and an Extra-Curricular program.

As I am sure that you will understand some of these activities will need to be in a different format from normal, but we do hope that you are ready to start playing and making music together again.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Following rigorous talks with OCMS we are happy to welcome back our visiting team of Instrumental teachers. A comprehensive Risk Assessment has been put in place and all the teachers are fully aware of the procedures that we as a school and department have put in place. The teachers will be contacting everyone directly, but I thought it would be useful for you to have a copy of the days in which lessons will take place.

	Instrument	Teacher	Location
Monday	Brass	Mr. Gray	Studio 9.30am - 12.30pm
	Piano	Mrs. Raven	M4 1pm
	Singing	Miss Harris	Studio - 1pm
Tuesday	Drums	Mr. Griffiths	Studio 11.45 - 3pm
Wednesday	Cello	Ms. James	M4 12pm – 12.30pm
Thursday	Saxophone and Clarinet	Mr. Murray	Studio 12pm – 2.30pm
	Flute	Miss. Roberts	TBC
Friday	Strings_	Mr. Bettle	9am - 12pm

If there are any issues with the lessons, please contact the Instrumental Teacher in the first instance. Should you, however, need to please feel free to contact me at school.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are endeavoring to offer in some form all our traditional extracurricular activities. The guidelines now state that we can hold 'live' rehearsals but only to a single year group and to a maximum of 15 students. This means that rehearsals will take on a new complexion and will sadly only happen, in person, on a limited basis for our larger groups. The group's leader will be in contact with everyone in the next week explaining how the activity will rehearse. I encourage all of you to get your instruments out and get practicing. We are holding a Christmas event in some form. Virtual rehearsals will take place on a regular basis and practice will be given to ensure that everyone is involved. Where possible we will be calling people in for sectional and small year group rehearsals, in bubbles, to keep the 1:1 contact going.

Please see the timetable below of our weekly plan.

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Group leader</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Senior Choir (yrs 10 – 13) Swing band	Miss Harris	Hall and Virtual_ 4.pm- 6.30pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	Yr 8 Singers_ Girls' Choir Concert Band	Miss Coppinger Student led Mrs. Laughlin	Hall 3pm – 4pm Hall and Virtual 4pm Alternating Between Hall and Virtual with Concert Band. Hall and Virtual, 4pm – 5pm Alternating between Hall and virtual with Girls' Choir.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Yr 7 Singers Small ensembles of 15 students will be given a set time within the 2 hour rehearsal.	Miss Roberts	Hall. 2pm - 4pm
<u>Thursday</u>	Yr 9 Singers Boys' Choir Flute Choir_	Miss Billington_ Student led Student led	Hall 3pm – 4pm 3.30pm - 4.30pm 5pm – Virtual.
<u>Friday</u>	Chamber Choir	Mrs. Laughlin	Hall 3pm – 4pm

Brass Group and Orchestra TBC



As always should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school or the group leader. Thank you very much for your continued support, especially on this very challenging time. Music is widely known to have a very positive effect upon people's mental wellbeing, and it is wonderful to be able to get our ensembles playing and singing again.

Best Wishes,

Mrs C Laughlin
Director of Music