



WGS MUSIC DEPARTMENT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2021

28th January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Musicians

I do hope that this letter finds you well in these challenging times. With the idea of remote learning established here at Wood Green I am writing to keep you up to date with our plans for Extra Curricular Music activities for the foreseeable future.

Naturally all rehearsals are not able to proceed as we would like but we don't want to let our full programme of activities fall behind. Our group leaders have met and are in the process of contacting their members to let them know of repertoire and plans for their group.

We are aiming to have musical performances from right across the school on our school website on a regular basis. These will be mainly on a small group basis as we are mindful of the exam pressure on our older musicians.

We are excited to be planning 2 major performances. The first will be a virtual Key Stage 3 Showcase. This will focus on our very talented KS3 students and give them the opportunity to share their musical abilities with a wider audience. Miss Billington will be leading on this and sending out details very soon. The second is our Summer Concert. More information will follow about this but suffice it to say we are planning well in advance to allow for all eventualities and to give our wonderful leavers a fitting end to their time at Wood Green.

As you are aware Miss Harris left us last term so there has been some changes in the leadership of the groups. Please see the list below for full details. We welcome our new group leaders and are really excited to see where they will take these ensembles.

Activity Leader

Swing Band Mr Bonsell
Concert Band Mrs Laughlin
Senior Choir Mrs Laughlin
Junior Choir Miss Billington
Year 7 Singers Miss Roberts
Wood wind ensemble Nadia Whiffin and Ria Parmar
Girls Choir Abi Firmin and Ella Shadbolt
Boys Choir Harry Phipps and Ben Smith
Brass Group Mr Heppell
EMP (yr 9) Mrs Laughlin
Chamber Choir Mr Shadbolt
Orchestra Miss Billington

We do hope that you will continue to support the Music Department at Wood Green. We have had some wonderful feedback from the Christmas Concert from as far away as Australia! Music has so many more benefits than just the playing with mental wellbeing being shown time and time again to be enhanced by the talking part in a musical activity. The Music Department is fully committed to supporting you child in this aspect which is even more important at this challenging time.

Please look out for further details of all our performances and I look forward to welcoming you all to a performance very soon.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Laughlin".

Mrs Laughlin and all of "Team Music"