

WOOD GREEN SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT.
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES w/c APRIL 26th 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and fellow musicians.

I do hope that this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the sunshine.

I am delighted to inform you that after a lot of discussion and careful planning and risk assessments we are in a position to restart our Music Department Extra Curricular groups in face-to-face rehearsals.

This has been made possible after the country moving to step 2 of the National Roadmap on April 12th. I hope that you will agree that this is a massive step forward for us all and one that I am very excited about.

We have decided that we are in a position to start the choirs in full as of the week beginning **26th April** and we will start the instrumental groups in sectionals first to ensure safe practice. The group leader will contact you this week to set up which section will be rehearsing when and initially this will be on a rotational system.

For the next 2 weeks, we will be asking Swing Band to continue rehearsing at home as we are conscious that this may be a group that is a little trickier to ensure that all the Covid protocols are in place. As soon as we are confident in these being met, we will begin rehearsals with Mr Bonsell.

We will ask all members to still wear masks as they come to rehearsals, use hand sanitiser, personal stands and copies of music as required and we will be practising social distancing measures throughout the rehearsals. It will feel a little strange to begin with, but I am sure that you will agree, it is better than not being able to hold rehearsals at all!

Please see below the timetable for the programme this term. Due to staff changes we have had to move some of the rehearsals to different days so please check carefully. Should there be any issues please let either myself or the group leader know.

Day	Group	Time and Location	Group leader
Monday	Woodwind Ensemble	Hall- 3pm	Nadia and Ria
	Swing band	Hall - 4.30pm	Mr Bonsell
Tuesday	Orchestra	Hall - 3pm	Miss Billington
Wednesday	EMP	M1 - 2pm	Mrs Laughlin
	Year 7 and 8 singers	Hall - 2pm	Miss Roberts
	Concert Band	Hall - 3pm	Mrs Laughlin
	Senior Choir	Hall - 4pm	Mrs Laughlin
Thursday	Girls' Choir	M1 - 3pm	Abi and Ella
	Boys Choir	M2 - 3pm	Harry and Ben
	Year 9 Singers	Studio - 3pm	Miss Billington
Friday	Chamber Choir	Hall - 3pm	Mr Shadbolt.

The other very exciting piece of news that the roadmap has given rise to is that we will be doing a performance of some sort in July should the restrictions lift in the way we all hope for. Currently we can't comment on its format, but we are delighted to have the chance to have an event to work towards.

I am so pleased to be able to welcome you all back to activities, it has been too long.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Laughlin
Director of Music