



The Pitch

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Welcome to half way through our term. The children are starting to prepare Christmas songs and activities to share with you and create some lovely festive spirit to finish this year.

It is still expected that all children are still attending all scheduled lessons and rehearsals until the end of the year as they are preparing for sharing their performances and completing assessments.

All instruments for first years will be collected at the end of week 8 to be sent away for any repairs and cleaning in preparation of our 2021 beginners. If you are a brass student, please ensure your instrument is bathed and cleaned prior to returning so the rest of the cleaning process can be done. We do not have the facilities at school to be bathing them properly and this is part of your loan agreement. If you are unsure on these processes, you can google, or please email Kelly Clarke-Flessner who has an information sheet to guide you through this process.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITING 2021

Notes have been sent home this week to all our applicants to notify of your child's success. You are expected to attend an **Information Evening on Thursday, 19th November at 6pm in TCBC Conference room** to find out further information and help you make your decision and accept your offer. We have had to change the

date due to families involved with the KSHS graduation night on the Tuesday. We hope that we still have families able to attend. The information night will inform you of the process for applying and success in the program and we can check numbers and offer positions to children who may be on a waiting list before the end of the year.

If your child is accepted, there will be a cost of purchasing instrumental requirements (book, folder, stand, accessories), compulsory music program fee of \$50 and an instrumental hire fee of \$100 for the year unless a violin/viola player. We look forward to seeing our prospective players join our program for 2021. If you have further questions, please write them down for our instrumental information night.

1st Year Instrumentalists

A reminder that our first year instrumentalists will be required to hand back their instruments at the end of term 4 so they are cleaned and repaired for our 2021 new recruits. Our 2020 beginner players have excelled greatly with their newly acquired skills and are sounding fabulous. We would hope that a lot of them are continuing in 2021. You will be required to purchase your own instrument as mentioned at our recruiting night and now is a good time to start looking for a good quality 2nd hand instrument.



We do have a list available on preferred brands and further information on purchasing your own instrument that is attached to the continuing note. There are a lot of good 2nd hand instruments around at a good price - you just have to find them. There are a lot of stores with various payment plans available also. Please ask your child's instrumental teacher for further information on purchasing and brands to look for if you require further information.

If you play our more expensive instruments such as cellos, tenor sax, bass clarinet, double bass, euphonium, baritone and tuba, you will be loaned the instrument again in 2021.

If you would like further information in regards to continuing in the program or about our recruiting process, please come and see one of us.

If you are upgrading your child's instrument and wish to sell it, I'm happy to add to the newsletter. Please send me the instrument and contact details via email and I'll publish in the next newsletter.

Date Claimer

WHAT'S ON - TERM 4	
Week 7 Thursday, 19th November	Instrumental Recruiting Information Night – 6PM – TCBC
Week 8 – Friday 27th November	All school instruments to be collected and stored at school.

Strings- Carla Mulligan -

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Monday 11.40am - 3pm

Thursday 8am - 3pm

Hard to believe we are almost at the end of our year!! Please don't forget to keep coming to lessons and bringing your instruments and books with you.

Assessment is during your lesson in week 7.

Our last lesson will be week 8 where we will clean our instruments and return the cellos for the holidays. I am very proud of all the progress that has been made and the enthusiasm and dedication you have all shown towards your music!

String Orchestra Orchestra -

Carla Mulligan

Weekly rehearsals for

TWSS String Orchestra will continue every week up to week 8.

We will be rehearsing for a Christmas Concert recording session in Week 8.

Brass- Kelly Clarke-Flesser -

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Monday 11 - 3,

Hey Brassies!

We are at the halfway point in the term and now is the time to practise your instrument at home with intent and complete focus. You have been working on your pieces for the last few weeks to learn the rhythms, pitching notes and accurate finger patterns. Now is the time to focus on fluently performing extra details found in your music such as dynamic changes



(volume), articulation changes (slurs and tonguing notes) etc.

As well as this, students must bath their brass instrument before the end of week 8. This is both for maintaining hygiene standards in the instrument you own or returning a SQUEAKY clean school instrument ready for the next student to have the opportunity to learn and play it. It is written in your instrumental music contract (that student and parents signed) to say that you would look after the instrument and keep it working to a high standard. A highly functional brass instrument means slides and valves to be moving freely and easily (not stiff and the metal parts rubbing against each other making a metal grating sound). In the case of COVID-19 prevention, bathing your instrument is a necessity.

Ms Clarke has gone over how to clean instruments in lessons and students have received a handout about it. Otherwise there are videos on you tube you can watch as well.

Band Karate

How are you progressing? Practise over the holidays may get your do your goal.

How are you progressing?



Percussion- Ian Brunskill -

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Friday 11 - 3pm

Assessment is in week 7. Please be organized and on time ready to perform. See you then ☺

Woodwind - Ruby Johnson

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Tuesday 7.30 - 3

Friday 9 - 11

Hi Woodwinds! Everyone is doing a great job remembering their lesson times. Please keep it up! Just another reminder that assessment is happening. Our go for green chart is filling up with a lot of green! Everyone has made a great effort to increase their practise this year and is developing very well.

SENIOR & JUNIOR

Concert Band

Tuesday 8.00am & 1.10pm

Ruby Johnson

We only have one more performance for the year, Carols! We will be rehearsing a Christmas piece for this in the next few rehearsals. Junior band will be playing selected carols from their sound innovations book!



Junior & Senior Choirs

Fiona Coleman

Both choirs will continue rehearsals on **Friday's at 2nd break** in the music room together to perform for Christmas singing to share with you via FB at the end of the year.

Music Shirts, Folders/Music, School Instruments

All instruments will be collected by **Friday, 27th November (End of week 8)** for repairs and cleaning and to get ready for our 2021 instrumentalists.

If you are a beginner and continuing into 2021, you need to purchase your own instrument. If you need further information on this, please contact your child's instrumental teacher or myself.

If your child has outgrown their instrument or looking at upgrading, you are more than welcome to advertise the instrument through this school newsletter. We always have parents looking for good quality 2nd hand instruments. Please contact me with any information you would like published for the next newsletter.

Musically Yours,

Fiona Coleman & Trevor Schimke

"Life is one grand sweet song to start the music." ~Ronald Reagan

"Do not neglect your music, it will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you." ~ Thomas Jefferson

GO FOR GREEN!!

Recognition of Practice and Great Work

How are you tracking for this term?
What is your goal?

GREEN DOT: I attended my lesson, practiced AND brought all of my equipment. I am doing my very best to be a better musician.

YELLOW DOT: I attended my lesson but I DIDN'T practice enough this week. I need to practice to be a better musician.

RED DOT: I attended my lesson but I didn't bring my instrument and/or book and/or folder. I need to work on my organization.