

8 January 2019

RQ/JB

Dear Parent/Carer

Over the last term your son has participated in a project supported by Lincolnshire Music Service enabling him to try out learning to play a trumpet or trombone. We hope that your son enjoyed this project and that he will benefit from this opportunity. I would like to remind you of our forthcoming concert in which we are requesting all of the students to attend on **Tuesday 15 January** to celebrate their achievements. This will allow your son to gain experience in performing in front of a friendly audience, enable them to hear performances from other students in the school and above all it will allow parents and friends to hear the progress that they have made. The concert will start at 7pm (please can students arrive at school by 6.45pm).

Tickets are available from the school office (£3 adults/£1 children). Students who are performing in the concert do not need a ticket. The proceeds from ticket sales will be used to contribute to the cost of the 'free' tuition.

Many of the students gained great enjoyment from learning to play the instruments and many demonstrated a talent for the instrument. We hope that these students will choose to continue their lessons either on the instrument that they have played during the project, or another orchestral instrument. We are planning to run a weekly lunchtime session, allowing them to continue learning trumpet or trombone, allowing them to 'test the waters' before possibly committing to individual instrumental tuition. If your son is interested in this, please return the attached form to me. We will contact you again in July to see if your son wishes to continue lessons after this trial period. Alternatively, your son may already have decided that he would like to take lessons on an instrument (we offer lessons on piano, strings, brass, woodwind, guitar and drum-kit). The full cost of a 30 minute individual instrumental lesson is currently £226 per term (three payments per year) – those receiving shared lessons divide this cost (£113 for a group of 2, £75.33 for a group of three). We try to offer shared lessons to beginners wherever possible. We can also offer 20 minute lessons on some instruments to help reduce the cost. The school also offers a remission scheme of 50% for parents/carers receiving Free School Meals. Lessons are held during the school day on a rota so that students do not miss the same class lessons each week.

The Music Service is also running weekly after-school sessions at Kesteven and Sleaford High School on a Tuesday for all students who wish to progress further with their instrumental playing. This is free for all students who wish to be involved. Please see the additional information supplied by the Music Service.

Please could you complete and return the attached questionnaire in co-operation with your son. The information you feed back to us will give us vital information about the success of this project and will also enable us to improve our provision of music tuition within the school.

Thank you for your help and support. I look forward to seeing you at the concert on **15 January**.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs R Quinton**  
Head of Music  
Enclosure

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

This section to be completed by the student:

1. Which instrument did you learn to play?

Trumpet  Trombone

2. Did you enjoy these lessons?

Very much  Mostly  Not at all

3. Do you think that these lessons have motivated you towards studying Music in school?

Very much  Mostly  Not at all

4. In the space below, describe in detail what you felt you learnt from these lessons.

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5. How do you think that these lessons could be improved in the future? (Give sensible, achievable suggestions and try to explain exactly what you mean).

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6. How likely are you to continue studying a musical instrument in the future?

- I already studied an instrument and this has increased my motivation and commitment
- I already studied an instrument and my levels of commitment have not changed
- I already studied an instrument but now feel less motivated
- I had never learnt to play an instrument before but would now like to continue learning trumpet/trombone in a lunchtime group (\*delete as applicable)
- I had never learnt to play an instrument before but would now like to learn a different instrument (please indicate which instrument in the notes below)
- I had never learnt to play an instrument before and I do not want to continue to learn an instrument.

Use the space below for any other comments you wish to add.

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***This section to be completed by the parent/carer.***

1. Has your son talked about the brass tuition in a positive way at home?

Yes  No

2. Do you think that the brass tuition has helped to motivate your son towards Music lessons?

Yes  No  Don't know

3. Please use the space below for any other comments you wish to add regarding the brass tuition. Your comments will be used to help us to improve provision in the future.

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**If you would like your son to continue to learn the instrument he has been playing during the project, or any other instrument, please complete the following section.**

I would like my son \_\_\_\_\_ of form \_\_\_\_\_ to

Join the free weekly lunchtime sessions learning trumpet or trombone

Take up instrumental lessons on the \_\_\_\_\_  
(further information will be sent out to you regarding the costs of this tuition).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_