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Dear Parent/Carer

### Yr 7 Group Instrumental Lessons – Woodwind - Saxophone

I am writing to you about an exciting musical opportunity that has become available for your son/daughter to learn a musical instrument at Ely College.

Following the success of our trombone scheme during the previous term, the Music department will now be offering group instrumental lessons on the **alto saxophone** at a significantly subsidised cost through Cambridgeshire Music's 'Overture' scheme. Please see below for further details of what this will entail:

- The group lesson will involve between 7-10 students in Yr 7 and will last for 45-minutes each week.
- The lesson will take place during 10:35 to 11:20 each week. This lesson therefore takes place during the allocated Yr 7 break 1 timetabled slot, and should only require your son/daughter to miss 10-15 minutes of the curriculum lesson that follows.
- The group lesson will take place in the Music department, in either LG1 or LG2 depending on which room is the Yr 7 bubble teaching space each half-term.
- Students will be encouraged to bring a snack/drink with them to school to consume at the beginning/end of the group lesson so that they do not miss out on this refreshment opportunity. Students will also be encouraged to go to the toilet at the end of the group lesson, before returning to their curriculum lessons.
- The lesson will be led by Mrs Allen - our woodwind visiting music teacher, and the Area Manager of Cambridgeshire Music. Mrs Allen is an extremely experienced woodwind teacher, who has experience of delivering individual and group lessons in various educational settings.
- All students will receive an instrument (and suitable carrying case) that will be loaned free-of-charge by Cambridgeshire Music for the academic year. At the end of this academic year, students will have the option of continuing lessons either individually or in a smaller group setting.
- Your son/daughter will be expected to participate in a year-group specific extra-curricular music ensemble when the appropriate skill level has been achieved.

More information on Cambridgeshire Music's 'Overture' programme can be found at the following website:

<https://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk/pages/discover-music/tuition/overture.html> The scheme would run for the remainder of this academic year, which is likely to involve approximately 20 lessons in total.

**At this early stage, if you are interested in this incredible opportunity to learn the alto saxophone through this scheme please email me directly: [jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk) to express interest by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

If student demand is above the 10 places on offer, the places will be allocated based on a first-come first-serve basis. The projected cost for each lesson for parents/carers will be between £2.80 (if there are 10 students who sign up) and £4 (if there are 7 students) per 45-minute lesson. Once student interest is registered, I will contact you directly after the deadline to confirm that your son/daughter has a place on the scheme and I will request that payment is made via WisePay for a block of 10 lessons which will be non-refundable once payment is made. If student numbers fluctuate during the course of the programme, there may be a slight increase in the price of future lessons for remaining students up to the cap of £4 per lesson.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Newsome'.

Mr J Newsome

Subject Leader for Music

