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Dear Parent/Carer

Yr 7 Big Band

I am writing to share details of an exciting new Session 6 provision that the Music Department will be running after the Easter break: a Yr 7 Big Band!

Yr 7 Big Band will take place every Monday (Week A and Week B) from Monday 12th April, between 15:00 to 15:40. The rehearsal will take place in LG2 which is allocated to this specific year group during the same curriculum day, so your son or daughter will be using an appropriate space that follows the college's risk management protocols. As with normal music curriculum lessons, your son or daughter will be asked to use sanitiser on entrance/exit of their classroom, and they will be asked to leave their bags on the storage racks provided outside of the classroom. All instruments can be brought to the Music Department from 8:00am to be stored until the rehearsal at the end of the day. LG2 is a large room, and is a well-ventilated space. The decision has been made to cap participants to 20 students to enable safe social distancing within the classroom. The vast majority of students will be able to wear face masks during the rehearsal, however there will be several woodwind or brass students who will not be able to do this.

As Yr 7 Big Band will be taking place at the end of the school day, alternative travel arrangements will be required for students to make their way home. At the end of the rehearsal, your son or daughter will be walked through the main school site, and will exit through the main car park outside front reception at 15:40.

I would be extremely grateful if you are able to confirm via email that your son or daughter is able to attend these rehearsals, starting on Monday 12th April at 15:00. Please email jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk by Friday 26th March to secure your son or daughter's place in this ensemble. An accurate register will be kept monitoring attendance and participation.

Thank you for your support and encouragement to get your son/daughter involved in the Music Department's Session 6 provision, and I look forward to sharing the product of their musical participation with you in the near future!

Yours faithfully

Mr J Newsome
Music Subject Leader