



18th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Yr 7 Group Instrumental Lessons - Violin

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.

During the half-term of this academic year, the Music department will be offering 5 **free** group instrumental lessons on the **violin** through Cambridgeshire Music's 'Overture' scheme. Please see below for further details of what this will entail:

- The group lesson will involve 10 students in Yr 7 and will last for 30-minutes each week, for 5 weeks.
- 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 (starting 14th June 2021).
- 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 if there is a cross-over with break 1 or break 2. 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 Ms Ward - our upper string visiting music teacher. Ms Ward is an experienced violin teacher at Cambridgeshire Music, 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 duration of the 5 lessons.

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>

Given the short timeframe, if you are interested in this incredible opportunity to learn the violin through this scheme on a first-come first-serve basis **please email me directly: jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk to express interest by Monday 24th May 2021.**

While there is no charge for participation in these initial five 30 minute lessons, I am very keen to continue running this overture scheme into Yr 8 with the group of students for the full duration of the academic year. In order to facilitate this, there would be a cost to continue with lessons from September 2021, which would then last for 45 minutes per lesson. 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. I will contact you directly towards the end of June to confirm whether your son/daughter intends to continue with the group lessons into Yr 8, 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 during the next academic year, 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

Mr J Newsome

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