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Dear Parent/Carer

Bandlab for Education in KS3 Music curriculum lessons

During KS3 music lessons, your son/daughter will have the opportunity to use music technology as part of their learning experiences in music.

This year, I will be trialling a new online music technology software called Bandlab for Education with all KS3 (and KS4) music classes. Bandlab for Education is an education-specific version of the public-domain Bandlab programme, and it is a free software that students can access through Google Chrome both in school and at home. This will enable students the opportunity to continue working on their curriculum music technology projects at home as/when required, and it will also provide a platform for students to explore music composition and music technology independently at home in a safe and secure way. As we will be using an education version of this programme, all student work is not available in the public domain, and all chat functions are disabled. This software has been approved by Ely College's Data Protection Officer (DPO), and it is also being used in other music departments within the CMAT Trust.

During the first few lessons after half-term, your son/daughter will be asked to sign up to BandLab for Education in their music lesson with either myself or Ms Caldwell. Please can I kindly ask that your son/daughter **does not** attempt to sign up to this software prior to this lesson. When creating an account, your son/daughter will be provided with a specific class code to attach them to their class group. They will also be asked to provide their name (forename and surname), their school email address, a password of their choice, and a username (which will be their name). All students will be asked to write this password down somewhere safe, so that they can access this in the future if they forget their password.

As your son/daughter is under the age of 13, I am writing to request that if you do not wish for your son or daughter to create a Bandlab for Education account to contact me directly at jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk by Friday 5th November 2021. Regardless of this outcome, your son/daughter will be able to access all software and resources in their curriculum music lessons through paired learning activities.

Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement in providing an exciting, inclusive and enriching KS3 music curriculum for your son or daughter at Ely College.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Newsome
Subject Lead Music

