



29th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Yr 7 Group Instrumental Lessons - Brass

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.

From January 2022, the Music department will be offering group brass instrumental lessons (on cornet and tenor horn) for a full two terms a significantly subsidised cost (£30) through Cambridgeshire Music's 'Overture' scheme. Please see below for further details of what this will entail:

- The group lesson will involve 20 students across Yr 7 and will last for 30-minutes each week.
- There will be approximately 20 lessons across the two full terms, with roughly 5 lessons in each half-term. This means that each lesson only costs £1.50!
- Your son/daughter will get the opportunity to learn both the cornet and the tenor horn and will receive approximately 10 lessons on each instrument. The development of brass playing technique is transferable between both instruments and will enable your son/daughter to experience a sustained period on both instruments and after which they may choose to 'specialise'.
- The lesson will take place between either 1.30-2.00pm or 2.00-2.30pm and will mean that your son/daughter will miss part of a curriculum lesson. A detailed timetable will be sent to you at the beginning of January explaining which 'group' your son/daughter has been allocated to and the exact dates and timings of all lessons.
- The group lesson will take place in the Music department, in either LG1 or LG2.
- The lesson will be led by Mr Smith, who is an experienced brass teacher at Cambridgeshire Music and 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>

We expect demand to be extremely high for this opportunity, therefore, if you are interested in signing your son/daughter up please can you make payment of £30 via WisePay ('Brass Overture Scheme – January 2022 start) to secure their place from Tuesday 30th November 2021 from 9.00am. Once payment has been made, this will be non-refundable. If your son/daughter is eligible for additional financial support (and this will be visible on WisePay), a 50% contribution towards will be made by the Music Department bringing the cost down to £15 in total.

The closing date for WisePay payments will be Friday 17th December, however, if further payment extensions are required, or you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at:

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Yours faithfully

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