

Hello Everyone,

We've had a great start to the new academic year in Music, with record attendance at our clubs and ensembles. If your child wishes to join one of our enrichment activities, they should sign up with their music teacher, who will give them a lunch pass if needed.

Durham Music Service instrumental teaching is also back up and running, with current spaces for flute, clarinet and violin - more information is available here: www.durhammusic.org.uk

In other news, we are pleased to share that Mrs McGrath, our Head of Music, has been nominated for the Classic FM Music Teacher of the Year award for secondary school music teachers - a tremendous accolade and we wish her the best of luck!

As our Year 11's need to shift more of their focus to revision and examination preparation, we need to recruit a new student leadership team to support them. We will be welcoming applications from Year 10 students this coming week.


This won't affect more than a handful of parents/ carers, but if your child has a C4 (1-hour) or C5 (2-hour) detention after school, we will notify you in advance by text. If your child does not attend the detention, it may be escalated to a higher sanction. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child can get home safely afterwards. If your mobile details have changed, please let us know, otherwise we will assume your details remain the same as when you originally informed us.

Our school's student attendance target is 97%. While 90% would be a really good outcome in an academic assessment, it might surprise you to know that the government consider a child to be a 'Persistent Absentee' if their attendance falls below 90%. There is lots of research to support the idea that attendance and achievement are strongly linked. We will be sending out attendance information to you all shortly but, in the meantime, if you need any advice or support with your child's attendance, our Attendance Manager, Keighly Finnigan, will be happy to help.

Have a great weekend.

Anna Cleckner

Head of School

<div>  Teesdale School <small>& Sixth Form Centre</small> </div> <div> Music Enrichment Autumn Term 2023 </div>			
	Lunchtime	After school	Instrumental lessons See timetables
Monday	Band (Mrs McGrath, S1) A group for Mrs Unwin's newest woodwind players to play together.	Staff Meeting: No activities	Guitar: Mr Waite Woodwind: Mrs Unwin
Tuesday	Ukuleles (Mr Harvey, S1) For students who enjoy playing ukulele to play together and learn more.	GCSE Extra (Mr Harvey, S1) Coursework catch-up / revision / extra support available for y10 and y11 music students.	
Wednesday	Band (Mr Harvey, S1) An opportunity for woodwind and brass players to play together.	Staff Training: No activities	Upper Strings: Mr Hartley
Thursday	Musical Theatre (Miss Kellett & Mrs McGrath, S1) Building singing and dancing skills ready for our next school production.	String Ensemble (Mrs McGrath, S1) An opportunity for our string players of all abilities to play together.	Cello: Ms Diment Singing: Rosie Bradford
Friday	Choir (Mrs McGrath, S1) A non-auditioned group for anyone who enjoys singing with others.	GCSE Extra (Mrs McGrath, S1) Coursework catch-up / revision / extra support available for y10 and y11 music students.	Drums: Ian Boshier