



2nd November 2020

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.

During this half term the Music department will be offering group instrumental lessons on the trombone at a significantly subsidised cost through Cambridgeshire Music's 'Overture' scheme.

Please see below for further details of what this will entail:

- The group lesson will involve between 7-10 students in Yr 7 and will last for 45-minutes each week.
- The lesson will take place during the allocated Yr 7 break 1 timetabled slot, and should only require your son/daughter to miss 10-15 minutes of their curriculum lessons each week.
- 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.
- 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. 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 Mr Parsons - our brass visiting music teacher. Mr Parsons is an experienced brass 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 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>

The scheme would run for the remainder of this academic year, which is likely to involve approximately 20-25 lessons in total.

At this early stage, if you are interested in this incredible opportunity to learn the trombone through this scheme, then please email me directly: jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk to express interest by Friday 13th November 2020. If student demand is above the 10 places on offer, the places will be allocated based on a first-come first-serve basis.

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. Once student interest is

registered, I will contact you directly after the deadline to confirm that your son/daughter has a place on the scheme 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, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Newsome', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr J Newsome
Subject Leader for Music