



11th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Brass Overture Scheme – confirmation of place

Thank you for register interest of your son/daughter for the brass group lesson ‘Overture’ scheme. I am pleased to confirm that your son/daughter has been allocated a place on this scheme. I am therefore writing to you to outline further details on when these group lessons will take place, and how to make payment for these lessons.

Lesson Details

- The group lesson will involve ten students in Yr 7 and will last for 45-minutes each week.
- 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.
- The lessons will take place in the Music department, in either LG1 or LG2. Your son/daughter should arrive at the music department a few minutes before their group lesson, and they should wait in the foyer of the department.
- As this group lesson will take place over break 1, your son/daughter is 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.

Timetable

Below is a copy of the group lesson timetable for the first block of 10 lessons:

	Date	Time
Lesson 1	Thursday 19 th November	10:20-11:05
Lesson 2	Thursday 26 th November	10:20-11:05
Lesson 3	Thursday 3 rd December	10:35-11:20** (note change in time)
Lesson 4	Thursday 10 th December	10:35-11:20**
Lesson 5	Thursday 17 th December	10:20-11:05
Lesson 6	Thursday 7 th January	10:20-11:05
Lesson 7	Thursday 14 th January	10:35-11:20**
Lesson 8	Thursday 21 st January	10:35-11:20**
Lesson 9	Thursday 28 th January	10:20-11:05
Lesson 10	Thursday 4 th February	10:20-11:05

The time of lessons each Thursday change every two weeks to ensure that there is minimal continued disruption to your son/daughter’s curriculum lessons during each half-term.

Instrument Details

- 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. If your son/daughter chooses to stop lessons, the instrument must be returned to Mr Newsome at the earliest convenience.
- The Music Department will provide your son/daughter with a moisture-guard to place over the end of their trombone to provide additional protection from the spread of aerosols when using their instrument.
- If your son/daughter experiences any issues with their instrument, it is imperative that you return the instrument to Mr Newsome. Please do not try to repair the instrument, as you will be liable for the cost of any damage or repair.

Payment of Lessons

The cost of the first block of 10 lessons (lasting 45 minutes each) will be £28.00. Payments can only be made via WisePay and must be received by **Tuesday 17th November 2020**. There will be no refund available if your son/daughter wishes to no longer participate within each block of ten lessons.

Towards the end of each block of ten lessons I will write to you to request payment for the next set of ten lessons. There is a chance that the financial cost may increase slightly if a student drops out of the scheme, but this will rise to a maximum cost of £40 for the second block of ten lessons. The scheme is only financially viable providing that there are seven students taking part. If more than three students drop out at the end of the first scheme, I will be writing to you to inform whether the brass overture scheme will continue into the second block of ten lessons.

If you have any questions please email me: jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Mr J Newsome
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