

To: parent/carer of Instrumental/vocal students

People Group

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Dear parent/carer

Congratulations on your decision to give your child a *gift for life*.

Making music is a basic human need and your child now has the opportunity to experience a fantastic range of stimulating activities from County Music Service (CMS), all designed to support your child's development in **self-confidence, social awareness and intellectual skills**.

The *power of music* to develop a child has been recognised for thousands of years and we invite you and your child to join us on an exciting musical journey.

'Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul' - Plato BC 400

'Thank you to CMS for teaching me the clarinet and encouraging me in all sorts of ways since I first picked up a recorder when I was 7.'

Sam

'I love playing the oboe and it is fun making music with other young people in CMS groups.'

Bridget

'In primary school, CMS gave me the chance to try out different instruments including the recorder and the euphonium, but now I've settled on the flute which is a fantastic instrument!'

Lucy

Sam, Bridget and Lucy Tiller all started their music making at Northlands Primary School. Lucy now plays with the County Wind Band whilst Sam and Bridget are members of the County Youth Orchestra.



Your child will now be guided on their first steps in music by our specialist instrumental teachers.

Communication with you, the parent, is very important to us so please use the Home School Liaison Book (HSLB) to find out exactly what is happening in your child's lesson and to keep in contact with their teacher. We value your support in helping your child succeed on their musical journey.

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However, this is only the first step for your child. Visit our website at warwickshiremusicclub.org to discover the amazing range of opportunities for young people in Warwickshire available from CMS.

Our **unique network** of area and county groups, enables your child to progress through our junior, intermediate and area activities all the way to our most prestigious county ensembles. It is a very exciting journey and our talented young musicians can all make the journey remarkably quickly.



CMS run **activities for all young people**

from choirs to ukulele orchestras; rock bands and wind bands; guitar groups and music theatre groups.

The performance opportunities we offer are extensive from local concerts

right through to major performances involving hundreds of young musicians at the most prestigious venues in the country, including **Butterworth Hall, University of Warwick; Symphony Hall, Birmingham and the Royal Albert Hall, London.**



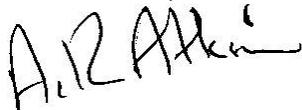
‘It is a pleasure to watch James go from strength to strength with his trombone playing, both in ability and confidence’

Mother of James O’Donnell

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to CMS and we look forward to working with you to develop your child’s talent.



Yours sincerely



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P.S. Contact us by visiting our exciting new website warwickshiremusicclub.org to find out more about how we support young people in Warwickshire.

Watch the fantastic video of our recent ‘Spectacular’ Concerts at Warwick Arts Centre on our new website www.warwickshiremusicclub.org