

ECT/jr
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Dear Parent/Guardian

My name is Mrs Thomas, Director of the Wildern Music Academy. Mr Legg (Acting Subject Leader for Music) and I are very much looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to our department at Wildern, for their first year of KS3. We have a very exciting program planned for Year 7 including studying units such as Singing, Program Music, African Drumming, Riffs and Hooks, and The Axis of Awesome.

The Music department aims to provide an inclusive, positive and enjoyable curriculum where student's well-being, achievement and life skills are at the centre. Participating in music, students need to develop core skills essential to them now and in later life such as discipline, teamwork, communication and listening, organisation, perseverance, resilience and creativity.

Outside of curriculum lessons, there are lots of opportunities to get involved in extracurricular music clubs, including Year 7 Choir, Orchestra, Ukulele Club, Year 7 Music Enrichment, String Group and more. Alongside this, there are multiple performance opportunities throughout the year such as Christmas and Summer Concerts, Soundbites and visits to perform at primary schools and other community venues.

We believe that experiences outside of curriculum time with experts and professionals in their field are essential to making learning more memorable and rewarding. We are determined to ensure that every child can benefit from the expertise of world class musicians regardless of previous musical experience and believe that this will inspire children to develop confidence and enjoyment in self-expression as well as developing their musicianship.

This year, we are proud to provide all children in Year 7 with three workshops (one each term), with renowned professional musicians. These will complement their music curriculum with 2 vocal and one percussion workshop.

This year we are asking parents to very kindly contribute towards the costs of these workshops. This is a single payment of £10 that would cover the whole of Year 8 with the rest of the cost being met by the school.

We have set this up on Parentpay and I would be most grateful if payment could be made by 30 September.

Many thanks for your continued support and for helping us to provide enriching experiences outside of the classroom.

Mrs E Thomas
Director of the Wildern Music Academy

