St Mark's CofE School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we are extending the Music Departments Open Rehearsal Club. This club is starting this term from Wednesday the 18th of January. There will be rehearsals every Wednesday and Friday after school during term time. Club times run as follows:

Every Wednesday: 14:30 - 15:30 Every Friday: 14:30 - 15:00

In the Open Rehearsal club, your child will develop skills such as problem solving and independent learning. It will help develop their instrumental skills and encourage your child to pursue music as a passion. This half term we are also welcoming students who are interested in learning how to use music making software on the computers.

Not only is this club an excellent social opportunity to meet students from other classes, students could also use this club as a platform to form their own music bands such as Duets, Rock bands or even a Jazz Trio. All instruments and abilities are welcome and material is provided for students to learn from. The Club has proved to be an amazing learning opportunity for those who attended last term and students enjoyed teaching their friends new songs and drum beats.

The club is currently limited to 20 places, these will be issued on a first come first served basis. This club is perfect for students who already play an instrument and students who are complete beginners but are keen to pick up an instrument.

The Music department is beautifully equipped with 3 well sized practice rooms and a classroom where students will have access to guitars, bass guitars, drums, ukuleles and keyboards, as well as 12 computers for those who are interested in Music Technology. However, students who play a woodwind, strings or brass instrument will have to bring their own. These will be safely stored in the Music storage room throughout the day.

If your child is interested in joining the Open Rehearsal Club, please register your child for a place via the online SCOPAY portal.

If you collect your child from the school, please do so from the front reception of the school, not the Stafford Road or Malmesbury Place student entrances as these are not manned after the end of the school day. In the event of cancellation, you will be notified as soon as possible to make collection arrangements.