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Dear Parents

I am writing to update you on the latest situation regarding Music, in light of Mr Snell's current absence, as several parents have understandably raised some concerns.

Unfortunately, we do anticipate this will continue after half term and whilst we have engaged a music specialist supply teacher, we have a plan from half term which we hope will significantly help the students in the GCSE group.

We will be bringing in support from a member of staff at St Anne's school, who have kindly agreed to release her to support us on Wednesdays and Fridays each week.

This will give the students expert teaching in the GCSE course but also allow the opportunity for additional sessions of either 1:1 catch up or small group catch up.

We are confident this will make up for any lost learning and ensure the students are fully up to speed with the planned aspects of the course in Mr Snell's absence.

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact us, through Mrs Collinson (Assistant Head Teacher) who manages the creative arts.

Yours sincerely

Ben Godber

Head of Secondary