

## **Start the Music**

Start the Music is a project run by a sub-committee of the music association. It was launched for the first time last year with the aim of encouraging students to take up an instrument for the first time.

Successful students are provided with:

- A full year of individual 20 minute music lessons, free of charge
- Free instrument of their choice, on a loan basis
- Entry to one of the school's ensembles after the first term of lessons
- A mentor from the senior school ensembles

Following a launch event in February this year, supported by the "Festivo Winds" quintet from the Royal Northern College of Music, 27 students from years 7-9 applied for this year's Start the Music scheme.

Congratulations to the following 7 students who were successful in achieving a place on the scheme in it's first year:

Holly Bassham, flute

Harmony Stevens, voice

Freya Binish, viola

Alec Laitao, French horn

Carys Dickson, French horn

Joseph Capstick, bass guitar

Oskar Avhede, bass guitar

## **Applications for 2019-20**

Applications for next year's Start the Music scheme will be announced at the AGM of the music association to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Further details will be posted nearer the time.

## **Ways to help**

We are always grateful for any donations of funding or instruments to the Start the Music scheme. **For more information on how to donate please contact Liz Hawkes at [liz@magnorth.co.uk](mailto:liz@magnorth.co.uk)**

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You can help us to raise valuable funds online now at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), a free and easy way to support the school whenever shopping online.

1. Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

2. Click on the green arrow 'I want to support ...' and write Friends Of St Aidan's into the box and click 'find cause' – FOSA will come up at the top – click support and fill in the details and start shopping!

Thank you in advance for your valuable support – it will help both St Aidan's and it's Music Department without costing you a penny.

**The musical life at St. Aidan's is amazing. Please get involved and help make it even more so!**