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## Year 7 and 8 Band

Dear pupils, parents and carers

I am delighted to announce that we are now able to resume the Y7 band which we sadly had to postpone due to the last set of Government guidance. We are also very happy to say that Year 8 pupils can now be involved at the same time, in the same rehearsal. This is because we have been advised that it is safe to make music after school again, with Year 7 and Year 8 remaining at separate ends of Constance Green Hall.

The band will be for woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, very similar to the Junior Band that we normally run for Years 7 to 9. Pupils will need to bring their instrument to school on a Tuesday morning and may leave it in the instrument store room, in the music department. Please could I ask you to make sure that the instrument is clearly named on the outside of the case and that it is covered by your home insurance. Drummers, will need to bring a pair of sticks.

This ensemble will take place in Constance Green Hall from 3.45 – 4.45 and will follow current guidelines on social distancing, 2 metre spacing and ventilation. Please could I ask Y7 to enter through the normal doors for CGH and Y8 to enter through Bede House and go around to the back entrance to CGH. All pupils must wear a face covering when not playing and percussionists, you must wear one throughout the rehearsal please.

As we are trying to make rehearsals as safe as possible for everybody, therefore please could I ask you to consider buying a bell cover for your son or daughter's woodwind or brass instrument? They can be found on a website such as [www.moistureguard.co.uk](http://www.moistureguard.co.uk) and only cost a few pounds.

Rehearsals will take place every Tuesday commencing Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April but there will not be a rehearsal on the following dates;

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May due to Y7 parents evening
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May due to Y12 exams taking place in CGH.

Pupils may be a little nervous to attend at first, but please assure them that they will get the warmest of welcomes and we hope that this will be the beginning of a long and enjoyable involvement in musical activities at St Aidan's.

We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

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