



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Due to COVID-19, we wish to inform you of the following:

- **Peripatetic Instrumental/Vocal Paid Music Lessons**

In light of measures being taken by the College to facilitate learning through Google Classroom, the Music Department will also be facilitating instrumental and vocal learning through Google Classroom. Codes are available on our College Website Pupil Portal.

It is important that our boys continue with their musical learning - routine should be maintained so that pupils continue to make progress.

Peripatetic Music Teachers are preparing individual action plans for each pupil accompanied by electronic resources, so that instrumental and vocal learning can continue. Each Music Teacher has their own Google Classroom with only their pupils in it. Student Action Plans (with bespoke practice targets and instructions) will be uploaded to Google Classrooms for boys to view.

Please note, face-to-face live teaching has been strongly discouraged and should not take place, although teachers can upload helpful links to instruction videos, performances and recordings.

- Mr Strange will soon be posting online **Music Practice Guidelines** for all parents and pupils to read, to help assist boys' practice routines during the period of school closure.
- **ABRSM exams** (which were scheduled for March 31) have been suspended by ABRSM until after July 1st. They have also announced that full refunds will be processed. The College will distribute the refunds as soon as they come through. There will be no entries by the College for any external Music Exams until further notice.
- The **BBC School Choir of the Year** competition involving the College Chamber Choir, has been cancelled. Our boys should be extremely proud of how they have developed collectively, not just their singing ability, but their rehearsal manner, their ensemble skills and most importantly how they support and encourage each other. They are a fine group of young men who are excellent ambassadors for the College. They clearly would have won the competition this year! Photos of the heat can be viewed here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p086bh22/p086bhtj> and **the heat will be broadcast this Sunday, 22nd March at 2pm on BBC Radio Ulster / BBC Radio Foyle.**
- **College Concerts** are cancelled. We are immensely proud of all of our musicians and what they have achieved this term. They have dedicated so much of their time and efforts to Music rehearsals and private practice throughout the term and, as usual, our boys have responded to the high expectations placed on them in rehearsals with positive action, humility, and good humour. We are sorry that our ensembles, choirs and soloists (and conductors!) will not be given a major performance platform this term, such as our Annual Concert. We will programme some of the repertoire covered this term at future concerts.

If parents or boys have any queries whatsoever about Music related matters, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Strange on dstrange376@c2kni.net or Mr Davison on pdavison532@c2kni.net.