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Dear Parents of Year 6 Musicians,

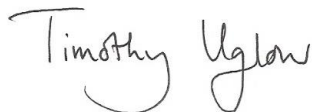
In only a few months' time I will be welcoming your son or daughter to the College. This will mark the beginning of some marvellous new opportunities, whether this be access to inspiring concerts or being part of ensembles which stretch, challenge and open pupils' eyes to standards of music-making that lead to life-long enjoyment of Music or maybe even a career! In the meantime, I will set out some details which are pertinent to Ranby parents as your child transfers between our two sites.

- Music lessons at the College last 40 minutes and are charged **in advance** at the beginning of each term in sets of 10. They are scheduled to rotate on a weekly basis so that the same academic lesson is not missed frequently.
- Transfer of individual music lessons from Ranby to Worksop is **automatic** and therefore it is not essential to fill in the Application Form (however it is helpful for me to have the most up-to-date information). If you wish your child to take up an additional instrument, please do complete the Application Form.
- Our contracts require a **whole term's notice** if you wish to cease tuition. This is standard practice and necessary to ensure the correct staffing provision. However, if you are planning to cease lessons at the end of this term, we are prepared to waive notice provided you let me know by email by **Thursday 23rd June 2022**. If I do not hear from you by this date, your child's individual music tuition will be automatically transferred over to the College and you will be charged fees for Autumn Term music lessons.
- Whilst many of our instrumental teachers work across both sites, transfer to the same teacher **cannot be guaranteed**. I am aware that the prospect of a change of teacher can, understandably, be unsettling for some; however, we are justly proud of the high calibre of instrumental teaching we offer at the College and have found that pupils settle quickly into lessons with their new teacher.

- Whilst the quality of teaching is undoubtedly very important, as you already know, it is what a pupil does between lessons that makes the most difference to progress. In addition to individual practice at home, there is an expectation that pupils will attend a weekly **Supervised Practice Session** (a requirement for Music Award holders), which provides support from one of our full-time music staff.
- **Music Theory classes** are available to all pupils at various times during the week, and if your child is not currently working at the same theory grade as their most recent instrumental exam, it is a good idea for them to take up this opportunity. If more support with Theory is required, you can apply for individual Music Theory Lessons – please see the Application Form.
- Membership of our **Ensembles** will be organised at the start of the new term and we are always pleased to hear from pupils who wish to be considered. There is no formal audition process but membership of the more advanced ensembles is by invitation. Every pupil is encouraged and welcome to join one of our choirs, which offer some of the best ways to support your child's musical learning.

I look forward to meeting you in due course. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any further questions,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Uglow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T' and a distinct 'U'.