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Dear Parents

Music Theory Study Skills Classes

Starting next week, I will be running Study Skills classes in Music Theory.

The main aims of these classes are to increase the children's confidence in Music Theory and their ability to read and understand printed music. I am also happy to prepare children for ABRSM theory examinations, however there is no pressure for this to be a goal. In order to take an ABRSM *practical* examination beyond Grade 5, the Board insists on Grade 5 Theory having been passed beforehand. In addition, there are individual examinations from Grades 1 to 4, with each Grade building on the skills learnt in the previous one. There is no requirement for these to have also been taken, so a talented child could take Grade 1 and then skip the others before sitting Grade 5. The current cost of a Grade 1 ABRSM examination in Music Theory is £27.

Classes for Years 2 and 3 will be on Thursday mornings and for Years 4, 5 and 6 on Friday mornings. All classes will begin at 8:00am, ending at 8:25am and will take place in the Music Room. Should you consent to your child taking part, I will expect them to come along every week and to arrive promptly.

There is also a workbook to buy for each group. For Years 2 and 3 it is 'Music Theory Made Easy for Kids Level 2' by Lina Ng and for Years 4, 5 and 6 it is 'Theory of Music Made Easy Grade 1' also by Lina Ng. I would prefer it if parents could buy the necessary book for your child - other than this, there are no other charges. If you are having difficulty finding the correct book (or want confirmation that you're buying the right one!) please let me know.

I recommend that these classes are for children who currently have, or are intending to have individual music lessons, either in or out of school.

To consent to your child taking part in the Music Theory Study Skills classes please click on the link sent via email with this letter and submit the form as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Mr P Ainsworth
Head of Music