



12 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am contacting you with regards to an opportunity that we have been invited to participate in with the Leicestershire Music Hub and The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire: *The Secondary Schools Ensemble Development Programme*. The aim of the programme will be to develop a new school ensemble and would give our students the opportunity to meet and play with fellow musicians from across and work with students from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Please see below the information sent to us from Leicestershire Music

### **Context**

This programme is designed to develop ensemble provision within secondary schools, building on existing ensembles or creating new ensembles from scratch. LM and RBC will support your school to develop your ensemble offer, encouraging, inspiring, and recruiting new musicians to be a part of the music department community and providing progression pathways to join LM music activities/ensembles where appropriate.

### **What will happen?**

RBC musicians will visit your school to play alongside and coach/mentor young people in your ensembles.

Young musicians will have the opportunity to meet and perform with others from around the county, engaging with a wider community of musicians beyond their own school.

Bespoke arrangements of recognisable repertoire will enable musicians of varying abilities and instruments to participate in the ensemble offer.

Pupils will develop their technique and ensemble skills and perform their work with other school ensembles in Leicester and Leicestershire.

The project will be taking place throughout this term and will require your child to come to a weekly rehearsal which will initially take place on a Friday lunchtime.

If you think your child may be interested then please complete the Google Form linked below by Wednesday 18th January 2023:

[Secondary Schools Ensemble Form](#)

Yours sincerely

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