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Newsletter

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Welcome back to the Music Centre. I hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year break.

Future Funding for Music Services

Bucks Music Service is currently awaiting a review of its funding. We currently benefit from the Music Grant, a government funding stream that is 'ring fenced' to support the teaching of music to children and young people. This grant provides a significant subsidy to the work we do in the county, including offering free 'Wider Opportunities' lessons to whole classes of primary school children, reducing costs for children learning instruments in schools and supporting Music Centres.

This funding will come to an end in April 2011. The new government has made encouraging remarks about the importance of music and Michael Gove commissioned Darren Healey (CEO, Classic FM) to undertake a review of music education. The Henley Review of Music Education is now being considered by the government and decisions will be taken about the future funding of Music Services. We will keep you up to date with developments.

Fees

Invoices were posted to all parents on 31 December 2010. Please pay your fees as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Many thanks.

Music Stands Please can all students remember to bring their own music stands to all groups *each week*. **Don't forget to put your name on your stand!**



David Crook
Headteacher

EXAM RESULTS SPRING 2011

Our congratulations to the following students who have recently passed exams:

Name	Instrument	Grade
Simon Pearce	Guitar	8 distinction
Joseph Regan	Guitar	8 distinction
Elliot Ford	Guitar	7 distinction
Toby Rutter	Guitar	6 distinction
Jamie Torrance	Guitar	6 merit
Michael Young	Trombone	6 merit
Jessica Lundholm	Guitar	6 pass
Lavinia Phelan	Guitar	5 merit
Clare Newell	Theory	5 merit
Toby Rutter	Violin	5 merit
Eric Chantler	Trumpet	4 pass
Ellie Farrer	Guitar	3 distinction
Rachel Tasker	Violin	3 merit
John Slattery	Trombone	3 merit

This term, the brass exam candidates raised £120 for the Salvation Army. Over the year, £910 was raised with donations being split between four charities. Thank you very much to all concerned, particularly Chrissie Hollingdale for her accompanying. Over the past five years, £5000 has been donated by the brass players.

Members of the Advanced Brass who performed so professionally for the Amersham Town Carol Service, helped to raise over £500 for The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home Charity. On Saturday, 18 December (yes, the day of the heavy snowstorm!), members of the Senior and Advanced Brass Ensembles played out-of-doors in extremely difficult conditions for the Little Chalfont 'Carols on the Green' joint Churches Carol Service. Your dedication was magnificent, thank you!