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Dear Parents and Young Musicians,

I am pleased that we are now looking forward to another Summer Music Course to be run here at the Music School between 22nd and 25th August 2016. I have presently adapted the staffing to suit a little over 70 young musicians and have devised a programme, which hopefully will be of interest to all, with something for everyone at a variety of levels.

With the aim of being a fun, educational process, we will be studying a variety of repertoire over the few days from which we will select a suitable programme to be performed at the final concert. This will be at 4.30 pm on Thursday 25th August and will last for a little over an hour. There will also be two informal lunchtime concerts, opportunities for anyone who wishes to play in public, with (if required) an accompanist. It would be lovely if those interested brought their accompaniments with them on the first day!

Regarding logistics;

- 1) I can be contacted on the emergency number during the course only on 07731 549366
- 2) Registration will be in the Music School, 31, Castle Street, Hereford at the times indicated on the timetable. We plan that children up to and including year 6 will need to be dropped off and handed over in person by an adult, and likewise collected in person at the end of each day. As during term time we would be happy for children from year 7 and above to register themselves and to depart at the end of the day. If however parents are not in agreement with this, please contact Dorothy Platford, the Courses Administrator. Please note that the Music School will be closed each day at 4.45 pm.

- 3) Children will need to bring sandwiches or something suitable for lunch each day. Water/Squash will be provided during each break time free of charge, but we advise that children carry a bottle of water with them throughout the day.
- 4) On the musical side, please could young musicians remember to bring
a foldable music stand
a pencil and rubber
spare reeds/strings as appropriate
any accompaniments to pieces you would like to play at lunchtime concerts
comfortable, sensible and appropriate clothes suitable for rehearsing / informal concerts

As this is a day course there will not be a resident nurse in attendance, but if your child has any issues, do please let the Courses Administrator know.

A little nearer the time I will forward a proposed timetable with an outline and structure to each day. As with the 'best lessons', this is only a guide and it is quite likely that when we know the real capabilities of the groups there might be some deviation from the published article!

The cost of the four day course will be £115.00. Please would you enclose a cheque payable to Outreach Music with your completed application form and send them for the attention of Dorothy Platford here at the Music School. I have been asked to mention that we can accept child care vouchers.

I do hope your son or daughter will be able to join us in Hereford in August. If so, please could you reply promptly, **but no later than Friday 17th June.** This will then allow Dorothy time to organise the groups, and me time to appoint extra staff should the need arise.

Yours sincerely,

David Evans