



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our parent newsletter. This issue, we are sharing details of a very exciting event that your school can get involved in, and information about what Berkshire Maestros offers in your school and for your children

## INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Earlier this term, you may have received a flyer from us all about the musical instrument and singing lessons we currently offer in your school.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this - we are delighted (and also a little overwhelmed!) that there are so many children keen to try a new instrument. If you haven't booked an instrument taster session, but would like to, please [click here](#).

We are busy organising tasters for everyone who has requested one - in the current circumstances this is taking a little longer for some instruments, but please bear with us and we will be in touch as soon as we have matched your child with their perfect teacher.

If you need to get in touch with us in the meantime, please email us and we will be happy to help.

If your child is interested in trying an instrument that isn't currently on offer at your school, we may be able to offer lessons at your local music centre instead. Our music centres also host all our ensembles, which are a great opportunity for group music making at all levels.

The email address for all enquiries is [admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk)

## PLAY YOUR HEART OUT - LIVE EVENT



On Friday 11 December, our *Play Your Heart Out* event will be live on YouTube, from 10am to 9pm (11 whole hours of music and entertainment, including some surprises!)

We are hoping to involve as many schools and pupils as possible, with a mix of live and pre-recorded songs, interviews and fun, to celebrate the amazing things your children have achieved in music despite the extra challenges of this year.

*Play Your Heart Out* will be accessible to everyone – so friends and relatives from all over the world will be able to watch, and you can watch your children perform at school from the comfort of your home.

We will be fundraising on the day, to bring live music into schools in Berkshire – we need funds to put together a live band that will tour schools and bring the magic of live music to thousands of children, some of whom may have never heard instruments played live.

We hope you will be inspired to support us – by watching, inviting friends and family, and pledging whatever you can afford (we appreciate finances may be tight this year, but every pound really does make a difference).

Follow us on social media #BerkshirePYHO for sneak peeks and more...

## SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Do you have a Sixth Former applying to study music at university? We are offering a course of one-to-one zoom sessions which will include mock interviews alongside detailed feedback and interview coaching, at a cost of just £60.

The programme will be bespoke to the student's needs but will encompass harmonic analysis, discussion of musicology, aural tests, and questions on the candidate's personal statement. This mini course of two 1-hour sessions should give candidates the skills, knowledge, and experience to build confidence so that the interview itself is seen as a positive opportunity.

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