



SIPS Education Limited
Guardian House,
West Bromwich,
B70 8GS

Dear Parent/Guardian

Invitation to join a music centre ensemble

Congratulations to your child, who is now ready to join a music centre ensemble.

Learning to play an instrument can be one of the most positive and rewarding experiences for children during their time at school. As well as being able to impress family and friends performing music or playing in a band, research shows that these lessons help to develop concentration, self-discipline, self-expression and social skills, whilst fully complementing academic studies such as English and Maths. Music literally makes you **smarter!**

Playing in an ensemble is a highly valuable experience for instrumental musicians to use and further develop their skills on their instrument. SIPS Music and Arts bands, orchestras and ensembles meet weekly during term time rehearsing at Guardian House (West Bromwich) and Splinter Studios (Wednesbury). At the end of each term there are performances where ensembles perform showcasing the progress that has been achieved during the term.

At the bottom of this letter your child’s teacher will recommend which group/s is/are currently most appropriate for your child, when and where rehearsals take place. *For further information about all our ensembles please visit <https://sandwellmusic.org/ensembles/ensembles-list/>*

There is a termly membership fee for Music Centres which is set out below including discount for siblings and 100% fee remission for low income families by application. Music Centre membership enables each child to play in as many ensembles as they are eligible to join and as places are available.

	Termly Membership
Music Centre membership – single child / young person	£45
Sibling 50% discounted rate - for 2 nd and subsequent siblings	£22.50
100% fee remission for low income families, by application only*	£0

(Example: for one child attending one ensemble it is approximately £4.50 per rehearsal. If a child is part of two ensembles it becomes approximately £2.25 per rehearsal)

**The child will need to attract Pupil Premium and their school will be asked to confirm eligibility. We do not wish anyone to be unable to participate due to financial circumstances. Please contact the Music & Arts Service on 0121 296 2997 or music.arts@sips.co.uk*

No refund or part refund of membership fees will be made due to members’ non-attendance, nor as a result of sessions being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances or reasons beyond our control. All fees are inclusive of VAT and payable on a termly basis.

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Sign up for Music Centre Membership is via our website and trusted partner 'The People's Box Office' for the financial element. This can be accessed at <https://sandwellmusic.org/musiccentre> or using the QR code below. Look out for the two yellow buttons for 'Music Centre Consent Form' and 'Music Centre Membership'.

If you have any further queries, please contact us on 0121 296 2997 or music.arts@sips.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hayward
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Teacher recommendation

The band/orchestra/ensemble which is most suitable for your child to join is: _____

They rehearse at _____ (location) on _____ (day) at _____ (time).

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