



TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 7 CLASS BAND: PURCHASE OF MOUTHPIECE

On the first day of term your son tried out five different band instruments and was given the chance to say which instrument(s) he preferred. At the same time, specialist instrumental teachers made a note of which boys seemed suited to their instruments.

They have all been informed as to which instrument they have been allocated and I am pleased to say that this year many of boys have been allocated their first choice.

Your son has been allocated: _____

We will start to use the Class Band instruments in the coming weeks, beginning with a 'Getting Started' session during which all Year 7 boys will spend an hour with the specialist teacher of their instrument. They will learn how to put the instrument together correctly, how to hold it and how to produce a note on it. There will be no charge for this lesson.

For health and safety reasons, all boys need to possess their own mouthpiece* which will be given to them at the Getting Started session and can be purchased from the school at a cost of £15. Payment can be made via 'Parentpay' (Option **Y7 Class Band Mouthpiece**) **'Parentpay' is the preferred and most secure method of payment and reduces our administration costs** but if this poses a problem, please contact the Cashier's Office. Parents are requested to group any payments together where possible (e.g. trip cost, dinner money, shop purchase) in order to reduce the Parentpay fee charged to the school which is applied per transaction.

The government has provided some 'limited' funds to schools which may be used to provide financial help to eligible students. If you think you may be eligible for financial assistance, your son is in receipt of Free School Meals, or has previously received them, please contact the School Bursar immediately to discuss assistance. Mrs Simons' contact details are dsimons@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk.

In one or two cases, boys are using their own instruments in the Class Band and will need to bring this instrument to every Music lesson after half term. If this is the case, please indicate on the slip below that you do not need to purchase a mouthpiece.

If your son does not already possess his own Class Band instrument, please return the slip below and make the payment of £15.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Eastman
Head of Music

* Clarinet and saxophone players will be provided with a reed by the Music Department, but replacements will have to be purchased from the library, at the cost of £1 per reed.

Please complete and return the slip below, with payment, to the Cashier's Office no later than Wednesday 5th October.

Student's name Form

My son already has the instrument he has been allocated in the Class Band: I confirm that it is in good working order and that he will bring it into school each week for his class Music lesson.

I would like to purchase a mouthpiece for my son and have made a payment of £15 via Parentpay.

Signed