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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians

The junior cycle music course will begin next Tuesday (September 23rd) from 4.15 til 5.15 in room 3! All students are welcome to take part...read on for more information.

Students at the school <u>all</u> have the opportunity to study music, for both junior and leaving certificate, in a very enjoyable, and successful, after school programme.

The class is an hour long class for first and second years with a longer 90 minute class in third year.

It is an option for every child at the school -30% of the course is performance so it would be an advantage to be able to sing or play an instrument - however the course includes learning to play recorder and ukulele and uses body percussion and singing - all of these skills can be used for the performance element of the exam. As a group we will learn to perform in many styles from pop to traditional, jazz to classical.

The course includes learning to read, write and compose music using notation and also learning to appreciate music from all over the world in various styles and mediums – world music, film music, rap and hip hop, classical orchestral, big band jazz, and of course Irish traditional music. The junior cycle focuses on the student's own relationship with the music in the world around them.

We take trips to various concerts and workshops locally and further afield. There are also many opportunities to get involved in music within the school such as our Christmas celebration, school masses and recordings for various events such as fundraisers and radio.

There is a charge for the course, but the larger the class the smaller that becomes – the maximum cost is $\in 10$ per class.

If any student would like to get involved, and haven't yet returned their slip, please can you either:

- 1 Let me know by text on 0851765604
- 2 Send a short note into the office before next Tuesday

If you have any questions at all, please contact me on the number above.

With best wishes Trilby Edwards