



Shirley Junior School

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Dear parent/carers,

We are pleased to inform you that the Shirley Junior School orchestra will be continuing for the academic year, kindly run by Mr. Smith from Upper Shirley High School. This year, the orchestra will be running during school time, fortnightly on Thursday afternoons at 14:15. This cycle will begin in Week 2 of this half term, 12th September 2024.

Sessions this half term will be 12th Sept, 26th Sept, 10th Oct, 24th Oct.

The orchestra is for musicians who have been learning for at least one year. All instruments, apart from keyboards and drums, are part of the ensemble. We are now expecting all children who learn an instrument at SJS and have been playing for a year, to participate as part of their lesson entitlement. Guitarists need to be reading notation rather than TAB in order to join.

You do not need to provide permission for your child to attend as sessions will take place in the school hall during school hours.

Children will be given copies of music by Mr. Smith. They are expected to take these home to learn and also take them to their instrument lessons. This week's session (12th Sept) will be more of a meeting with Mr. Smith in the hall. He will meet the children and explain how the orchestra is going to work going forward. He will also hand out their first pieces of music to start learning. Children do **not** need their instruments with them this week.

If you have any further questions, please email the school office for the attention of Mr Richards, or consult your child's instrument teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr. Richards

Headteacher: Mrs. A Hixon BA Hons NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. J Tearle, PGCE



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