



17th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Music Assembly

Today we had musicians from Guildhall Young Artists join us to demonstrate their instruments and how they sound. The GYA are offering two funded places for children to learn either the Oboe, bassoon or lower bass instruments as part of the rare instrument scholarship scheme.

There is another opportunity for all children who play an instrument to attend an ensemble that takes place on Wednesdays after school. Any children who are interested are invited to apply using the letter/ form circulated today. Parents are advised to fill in both applications if they are interested as they can attend the Wednesday sessions even if they are not accepted for the scholarship scheme. I have attached the letters below in case your child has misplaced them.



Year 5 and 6 Football Team

The boys trialed for the football team on Monday and had their first match on Wednesday. It was clear to see that we have a very strong team this year. We wish them luck for the rest of the tournament.

Reception Trip

Reception Class has a wonderful trip to the Little Angel Theatre today to see a production of 'Me', based on the book written and illustrated by Emma Dodd. The children behaved so well during the trip and really enjoyed the penguin puppet. He was very cute.



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Year 2 Inspiration Day – The Great fire of London

This week Year 2 had a special visit from Annie, who read some pages from Thomas Farriner's sad diary. The class found a local Professor with a time machine and sent messages back in time to reassure Thomas that London survived the fire and even thrived! Amazingly, a new chapter appeared in Thomas' diary, Year 2 had made Thomas happy again! This was a very exciting workshop provided by provided by KIT Theatre, and linked to their learning in History.



Jackie Headley

As a school, we have been working very hard on attendance and punctuality. Unfortunately, we have been unable to have the level of success that we had hoped for therefore we are employing an attendance officer who will take over this case load. Jackie Headley has worked across six boroughs of London for many years and will begin her meetings with parents to outline the issues and options they have regarding lateness and absence. Jackie liaises directly with the local authority and therefore is able to act more effectively.

Dates for the Diary

Year 5 Cake Sale: 23rd January 2020
Year 1 Trip to the Farm: 28th January 2020
Year 6 Class Assembly: 31st January 2020

“Let us ask our Lord to help us bear shining witness to his love in every area of our lives”

Pope Francis

Have a lovely weekend

Miss T Peters



Open to All Year 3 to Year 6

Guildhall Young Artists Islington

What is Guildhall Young Artists?

Guildhall Young Artists (GYA) Islington is an ambitious bespoke music initiative aimed at improving the equity and standard of music making for school children across the London Borough of Islington.

Led by a team of teachers and artists from Guildhall School of music and Drama – one of the world's leading conservatoires and drama schools – the programme provides playing and performing opportunities throughout their school life. It enables pupils to experience the enjoyment, enrichment and social benefits that music making entails whilst gaining culture capital.

The programme particularly targets disadvantaged children and young people by removing the barriers that would prevent them from participating.

Guildhall School is the UK's leading provider of specialist music training for under-18s and is working in partnership with Barbican and Islington Council, with the support of the Dame Alice Owen Foundation to deliver GYA Islington.

Who can join?

Committed children who love playing their instrument and have been learning the following instruments for at least one year: violin, viola, cello, double bass, all woodwind, and all brass instruments.

When?

Children can attend one of our two centres:

- **Monday** 4.00pm – 6.00pm (Year 7+ 4.30pm – 6.30pm)
- **Wednesday** 4.00pm – 6.00pm (Year 7+ 4.30pm – 6.30pm)

What to expect:

- Children will receive instrumental group lessons, sing in a choir and join ensembles.
- Performances for friends and family at the end of each term.
- In addition, schools and families of participation children will be invited to attend appropriate concerts and participate in events at Guildhall and the Barbican, either free of charge or at a reduced price.
- Children may also apply for free places or discounted rates (means tested) on appropriate Guildhall Short Courses.



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Cost:

Through School	Independent	Pupil Premium/People who need financial assistance
£60 per term	£120 per term	Free

Subject to availability pupils can request a weekly private lesson at the additional cost of £22.50 for 30 minutes.

Term Dates:

Arts and Media School Islington Turle Rd Finsbury Park London N4 3LS	City of London Academy Highbury Grove 8 Highbury Grove Highbury East London N5 2EQ
Day of the week: Monday Time: 4:00–6:00 Year 7+: 4.30–6.30	Day of the week: Wednesday Time: 4:00–6:00 Year 7+: 4.30–6.30
<i>Spring term:</i> January: 13, 20, 27 February: 3, 10, 24 March: 2, 9, 16 March 23rd End of Term Performance	<i>Spring term:</i> January: 15, 22, 29 February: 5, 12, 26 March: 4, 11, 18 March 25th End of Term Performance
<i>Summer term:</i> April: 27 May: 4, 11, 18 June: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July 6th End of Year Performance	<i>Summer term:</i> April: 29 May: 6, 13, 20 June: 3, 10, 17, 24 July: 1 July 8th End of Year Performance

Interested? Questions? Please get in touch:

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Scholarship Application Year 4-Year 6

Rare instrument at Guildhall Young Artists Islington

Sign up form

I would like to learn:

- Oboe
 Bassoon
 Low brass (trombone/euphonium)

Name (child): _____

School year: _____

School: _____

Current instrument (if any): _____

Years played: _____

Scholarship Scheme:

We are able to award five scholarships in total. Decisions on awarding the scholarships will be made in agreement with the school and parents.

Children not eligible or successful for the scholarship can still join Guildhall Young Artists Islington (see information sheet). Children unsuccessful in the scholarship application have the choice to either stay on a waiting-list for one of the three instruments listed above or join with any other orchestra instrument (string instruments such as violin, viola, cello, woodwind such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, or brass such as trumpet, cornet, trombone).

Assessment timeline:

- 22nd January 2020: nomination deadline
24th January 2020: invitation of nominees to assessment
5th February 2020: assessment of nominees (after school)
26th February 2020: lesson/scholarship starts

Termly activities will run on Wednesday afternoons (4–6pm) at City of London Academy Highbury Grove



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Parent/Guardian Permission:

I, (parent name) _____ agree that my child _____ can be assessed for the eligibility for the Rare instrument scholarship scheme.

I am aware and available of the assessment timeline as well as the weekly music activities on Wednesdays.

In order to be invited to the assessment, please leave your contact details.

Email: _____

Tel/mobile: _____

If unsuccessful with a scholarship, we would like to stay on a waiting list for learning one of the three instruments offered.

Our child would like to join Guildhall Young Artists Islington with the current instrument.

Signature

Date

Eligibility for scholarships:

Students:

- must demonstrate significant musical aptitude in their current instrumental/music lessons and be keen to learn an instrument outside school;
- demonstrate commitment and eagerness to participate in current instrumental/music lessons, with regular attendance of lessons, ensemble practice and performances;
- be keen and eager to learn a new instrument outside school and will be committed to independent practice;
- have the potential to make substantial progress in music and benefit from all the activities a scholarship offers;
- be from a family that is struggling to meet the costs of learning an instrument;
- have full family support for regular practice, attendance of GYA Islington centre after school, performances and holiday camps;
- currently in KS2 and attend a non-fee paying Islington MEI school.

Questions? Please get in touch:

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