

To: All Sir William Ramsay School Parents & Carers

03 May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As a Music Department at Sir William Ramsay School we would firstly like to thank you for your support with our subject, especially with attending any of our concerts this school year. We have had some fantastic moments already and, in addition to that, raised some significant funding that has allowed us to maintain a certain level of resources as well as adding some additional value and enrichment to our department. Something that we have been able to do is start to improve our Music Technology resources in the way of Apple Macs, MIDI keyboards and software. The repairing of damaged equipment has also been possible, as well as the addition of a new piano and the tuning of some old instruments.

Unfortunately, with education cuts being what they are, we have to rely heavily on money we can raise ourselves. Sadly, the money we raise only goes so far and the events we hold only raise so much. So it is with great hope and sincerity that we invite you to assist us with enriching the department further still and help to give our students here an outstanding musical and technological experience that will provide them with even more skills, knowledge and passion in this subject and hopefully others.

Our aim this summer term is to try to raise between £5,000 and £10,000 through donations, sponsorship and public crowd funding. This money will hopefully enable us to acquire 7-10 new Apple Macs, software and keyboards, a small recording studio set-up, including hardware, software and microphones as well as making improvements in our class instruments such as percussion, guitars, drum kits, woodwind and brass instruments. As well as approaching our parents and carers we will be talking to music and non-music companies about sponsorship through funding or equipment and finally appealing to an online domain through social media to try to gather additional support for the cause.

As you can imagine there is a large target to hit, which will be no mean feat, but with your help we should be ecstatic to get even close and be able to give our students, your sons and daughters, a department that can compete with others in the country and with an experience that can really excite, enrich and broaden their education.

We are not only looking for donations but are keen to find out if there are any families out there with musical instruments of any kind lying around, unused and obsolete, that may be generously donated or sold to us at a charitable price.

Thank you for your time and thank you so much for any support you can give us; it would mean the world to us to provide the students with something special. Please would you complete and return the attached reply slip if you would like to respond to our request and do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

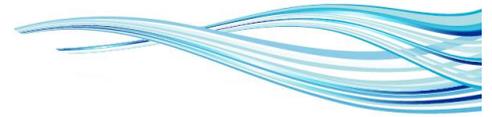
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Reply Slip

To: Mr A Maxwell, Teacher of Music

Re: Music Department Enrichment and Equipment

- I have made a donation of £..... Via ParentPay
- I would like to donate the following piece of musical equipment

Student Name: _____

Form: _____

Name of Parent/Carer _____

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