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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to all returning instrumentalists and a big hello to all new students and parents! I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer.

Our new studio opened its doors to students last Monday. Parents now have a waiting area (complete with tea and coffee!) where they can observe their child's lesson from behind glass doors. We will soon be adding recording equipment where we will have the facility to record student performances and also compose and arrange new music. We are located at Unit 8, Coconut Place, Earth Close (off West Bay Road next door to Edoardo's restaurant). This is a great facility in a great location – please feel free to pop in and take a look.

I am pleased to introduce three new members of staff to Opus Music/Musicians this year:

Mr. Rod comes from the UK bringing with him a wealth of experience in the piano/strings and voice area. A former Cambridge student, he has spent the last few years peripatetic teaching in England and freelancing as an accompanist. He also plays the recorder and flute. Mr. Rod is our performing arts specialist and is passionate about the theatre. He has travelled the globe performing in operas and concerts in some of the most prestigious concert halls in the world. He will be running our Musical Youth Theatre classes on a Saturday morning.

Miss Ellie, also from the UK completed her teacher training degree in Cambridge. She is from a family of professional singers (both mum and dad are trained opera singers). She has much experience teaching strings, piano and voice. She also sings in a jazz band in her spare time. Miss Ellie has worked with string ensembles and ran two choirs and an orchestra in her last school.

Our third teacher from the UK is Miss Cat. She completed her Bachelor of Music degree in Cardiff and has had many years experience with instrumental tuition to students of all ages. Principally a pianist, she

is also a string player, plays the clarinet and saxophone and sings in a jazz choir. Cat is also knowledgeable in the performing arts area and will be assisting Mr. Rod on Saturday mornings running the Musical Youth Theatre classes. I am sure your child will have a wonderful experience with these multi talented teachers!

Students receiving instrumental lessons after school should by now have already had their first lesson. Could you please ensure that the student contact information sheet is handed in with payment to your child's teacher. Also it is very important that students arrive on time for their lesson with appropriate music and homework log book. Our lessons run back to back so unfortunately there is no space for extra time if a student arrives late. Homework logs will be used weekly by the teachers – feel free to write comments on your child's practice/progress each week.

School lessons commence tomorrow (Monday 13th September). You should by now have all received the relevant documents relating to their rotation day. If you have not yet received an invoice please contact me and I will send you the information.

This Saturday sees the introduction of our performing arts classes. We still have a few spaces so if you are interested please send me an email. We are running the following classes:

9 – 10am BROADWAY STARS AGES 5 – 8 YEAR OLDS

10 – 11am BROADWAY STARS AGES 7 – 12 YEAR OLDS

This is a great introductory course into the world of musicals. Students will be working both together and in small groups performing songs from all the latest musicals. This is a great class for children who are not so keen to sing solo but enjoy singing in a group situation. The class will focus on confidence building, aural awareness and the ability to sing both in unison and harmony.

11 – 12pm INTRODUCTION TO MUSICAL YOUTH THEATRE 7 – 12 YR OLDS

NEW CLASS 12:30 -1:30pm

This course gives students an insight into musical theatre. It includes games, songs, vocal training, drama and dance. Our first class filled very quickly so we decided to add a second class from 12:30 – 1:30. For those who have already signed up I will be in touch this week to see which time best suits your child.

Looking forward to playing, learning, performing and growing musically with your child.

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