

Dear Parent/Carer,

At The Long Eaton School we have a thriving Arts department. We believe in providing as many opportunities as possible for students to explore and develop their talents and interests. We run a variety of scheduled activities that are open to students of all ages and abilities, expert tuition in an incredibly wide range of instruments, opportunities for performance throughout the year and various trips to further develop students' exposure to the arts.

We have a dedicated group of specialist teachers who provide individual or small group tuition on a weekly basis. As well as developing musical ability, research has proven there are several other benefits to learning an instrument. These include:

- Increasing capacity of your memory
- Develops time management and organisation skills
- Teaches perseverance
- Enhances co-ordination
- Increases mathematical ability
- Improves reading and comprehension skills
- Develops a sense of responsibility
- Sharpens concentration
- Fosters self-expression and relieves stress
- Creates a sense of achievement
- Promotes social skills and confidence
- Boosts listening skills
- Teaches discipline

For more information about this provision, please see the attached booklet.

In addition to these lessons we run a diverse range of extra-curricular activities. These are open to students of all ages and abilities. Please see below for information regarding these.

Club	Description	Open To?	Place/Time
School Production (The Addams Family)	Main rehearsals for the school production that will be performed in February. Please note the day that rehearsals take place has had to change due to conflicts with scheduled meetings after school. If cast members will have issues attending rehearsals, please contact Mrs Dennis.	Lead parts have been assigned but chorus roles are open to all students. Year 7s wishing to be involved should come along to the first rehearsal on 13 th September.	Wednesdays Main Hall 3-4:30pm Lunchtime rehearsals for lead characters as per schedule displayed in department
School Production	A club for students wishing to help with	All students	Wednesdays Art classrooms



Set/Prop Design	designing and making props and set for the school show.		3-4pm
School Production Band	Rehearsals for students playing in the band for the school production.	Due to the difficulty of the music, suitable students have been approached to take part in this.	Mondays Music classroom 1:30pm
Drama Devising Club	A club for students interested in developing their drama devising skills.	All students	Tuesdays Drama classroom 3-4pm
Concert Band	Rehearsals for the school concert band, usually in preparation for an end of term performance.	All woodwind, brass and string plays. Some availability for guitarists and percussionists.	Tuesdays Music classroom 1:30pm
Vocal Club	A club for students who enjoy singing. The group perform a few times during the year, particularly during the autumn term.	All students	Wednesdays Music classroom 1:30pm

In addition to the clubs above, the Arts Department are running the following KS4 catch-up groups:

- Art: Tuesdays after school
- Drama: Monday lunchtimes
- Music: Tuesday's afterschool (set schedule due to conflicts with after school meetings)

If you have any queries about any of the information above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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