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Dear Parents,

INSTRUMENTAL LESSON UPDATE

We are delighted to announce the return of the peripatetic tutors for instrumental/vocal lessons at RGS from Monday 14th September. Naturally, we have undertaken a full risk assessment to ensure both students and tutors can continue to benefit from these opportunities, and recognise the highly valuable role that they play in our Music Department. Here is a summary of the measures that all parents and students must read in advance of next week:

- All practice rooms with sufficient ventilation (1-3, 5-7, and Percussion Room) will have windows open at all times and will be carefully monitored.
- Within the rooms, as much distance as possible will be maintained between the student and the teacher.
- As well as this, transparent roll-up screens will be in all practice rooms. I would urge students NOT to touch them as they are rather delicate and can be easily broken.
- Peripatetic tutors are responsible for wiping down at the end of each lesson, including equipment/surfaces – now assumed standard practice.
- We have a plentiful supply of wipes/disinfectant and hand sanitizing pumps in each available practice room with new lidded bins to dispose of tissues/paper towels etc.
- Strict attendance monitoring is in place for track-and-trace accountability. Students must use the Department fingerprint scanner to register in advance of every peripatetic lesson.
- No sharing of instruments, including no peripatetic demonstration on a student instrument etc.
- No sharing of sheet music.
- Students must bring their own pencils for writing in markings etc.
- Students must bring their own drumsticks, guitars, plectrums, headphones etc.

I sincerely hope this reassures you that we are considering all appropriate guidance and more as we restart these lessons. We look forward to welcoming the peripatetic staff back next week!

For any queries relating to this or other Music Department matters, please email me on RGSmusic@RGSHW.com.

Best wishes,

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