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Dear Parents/Carers,

Component 1 and Component 2 BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice

I am writing to share with you that your child is due to start their official coursework for **Component 2 of the BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice course**. This component is about *Developing as a Musician* and students will be documenting and auditing their Professional skills, Compositional skills and Performance skills with the aim of showing the examining board their development on all three of these areas through recordings and written tasks.

To help support the students with this component, we are currently in the process of completing a mock run of this unit. Students have been set homework weekly asking them to practice their solo performance piece at home and to record their progress via a video or voice recording (30-60 second recording). This recording should then be uploaded to a PowerPoint presentation with a written commentary of what actions students have taken that week towards two targets to show their development. Unfortunately, a number of students have not been completing this task at home, therefore, there is no evidence for their performance skills for this mock examination. Please could I ask you to confirm with your child if they have been completing this. All information can be found for students via 'homework' in the ClassCharts app. The Music department is available on Thursdays from 3:00-3:30pm for students to utilise the instruments to help aid them with their practise. At the end of the mock examination, students will be completing their official examination. As communicated before, please could I ask you to speak with you child regarding the following points:

iPads

It is imperative that your child brings their iPad, fully charged to every single Music lesson. **The assessment will be completed over the course of Autumn 2 on their iPads.** Failure to bring their iPad will mean that your child will be missing vital hours that will be unable to be completed/ caught-up on. The students will not have access to the computers in the classroom nor should these be relied upon as there will be several days where the students will not be in the Music room. Please could I ask you to speak with your child to determine if there are any ongoing ICT issues. If there are, please could you ask them to liaise with ICT as a matter of urgency. Please note, we do not have spare chargers in the Music department, therefore, please encourage your child to bring one with them as a back-up.

Punctuality/attendance

For your child to get the most out of their assessment time, it is important that your child attends every Music lesson punctually. Our Music lessons are Wednesday lesson 2 (10:00am), Thursday lesson 1 (9:00am) and Friday lesson 4 (12:30pm).

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Behaviour

Every student in the class should have the right to concentrate and reach their full potential during our assessment lessons. Therefore, please could you speak with your child regarding being respectful during these lessons. Students that are unable to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner e.g., calling out, persistent talking, low level disruption will be asked to leave the assessment lesson and they will not have the opportunity to complete this lesson at another time.

Component 1 Re-sits

A number of students will be given the opportunity to re-sit their **Component 1: Exploring Music Products and Styles** unit that was previously completed in the Spring term. Students will have the opportunity to add and develop their previous work to increase their component grade. If your child does not know what grade they achieve for Component 1, please could you ask them to come and speak with me. I will write to you when I have further information on when the re-sit examination will take place.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is rose.mapes@oasislordshill.org. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully



Miss R Mapes
Teacher of Music/ Head of Year 9