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Dear Parents / Guardians

RE: Headphones / Earphones

In the music department, we have been looking at ways to keep your children safe during this time whilst maintaining as much of the practical opportunities presented by the curriculum.

To support this, we are asking all KS3 students and KS4 GCSE music students to bring a pair of headphones or earphones into school as part of their equipment. This will help reduce the risk of cross-contamination with the use of equipment that is worn around the face. Students using their own headphones or earphones will also reduce the cleaning required at the end of each lesson. Splitter connectors have been purchased for each keyboard and computer in the music department. We are asking students to bring in standard headphones/earphones, with a 3.5m jack connector. This is the type of connector used for most mobile phones and all mp3's, computers and laptops.

Bluetooth headphones and lightning connector headphones (such as you get with newer models of Apple iPhones) will not work with the equipment and should be avoided for use in school.

The department will continue to keep a small number of spare headphones/earphones in the department but we will be asking students to clean these thoroughly with materials provided before returning them after use. Where possible, students should start including a pair of headphones in their bag as part of their daily equipment for school.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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