



Year 8 - Here's how Parents can Help.

Your child should bring a **recorder** and their **music booklet** with them to class every week in a **FOLDER** or **FILE**. (Recorders need be a good make by a proper instrumental maker. Cheap toy recorders from pound stores etc. will not work). It is

important that pupils take pride in and responsibility for their work and equipment.

Your child will normally be given a practical homework every week which requires them to practise the recorder, in order to teach notation reading and playing skills. Reading and playing music has proven benefits to attainment levels in English and Maths, and we want your child to benefit too!

Encourage them to practise their homework for at least 5 minutes every night (short chunks of practise are much better than one long last minute one!!). Play Along Tracks will be available in Google Classroom. A completed homework means that they can play steadily through their piece without making mistakes and without stopping. This means that some pupils may have to spend longer than others to be confident and play steadily. They will also receive various other types of homework through the year including composition and research. For some online homeworks (often using Google Classroom) they will need access to a computer and sometimes a printer, either at home or in school. Pupils should ensure they plan their time and computer access in order to complete these homeworks.

If your child is absent from a class encourage them to be in the habit of finding out what they have missed, including homeworks, and catching up. (Lessons are posted on the General Year 8 Google Classroom as we go along)

Take a look at the 'Big Picture' for Year 8 Music which outlines all of our Year Eight topics & activities – you can look at these with your son/daughter.

Encourage your child to take part in extra-curricular musical activities. They include, Choirs, Orchestras and Bands. These promote high level social, personal and musical skills and are excellent for supporting mental health and well-being. They might even consider taking up lessons in an instrument or voice. All the details are available from Music Dept Staff.

