

Dear County Junior Strings members, parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many of your smiling faces at our online meeting on Monday night. If you missed it, please don't worry. Most of the information you will immediately need is attached below and please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

The two different orchestras are now finalised and listed below, there may be a couple of changes as parents had requests for lift shares and clashes with other clubs, so please check. The names were created by Jessica and we love them! Betsy came a close second with dessert themed names. Thank you to all those who came up with some fabulous suggestions. The rehearsal schedule is also listed below and takes us to half term. If government guidelines don't change, we shall probably continue with this rehearsal pattern.

On the evenings that you are rehearsing at NMPAT, please can CJS members come into the building no earlier than 5:05 as staff members need to have arrived and made sure the room is correctly set out before you come in. Thank you.

Don't forget to bring your instrument, bow, rosin and a pencil to each rehearsal. Once you have been given music you will also need to bring this each time. There will be no snack break but bring a bottle of water if you wish.

Mrs Bell will be sending you all an email which tells you how to join SmartMusic and a code which is unique to our orchestra. We will be adding music here for you to play along to and practise with throughout the year. Please let us know if you're having difficulty setting up your account and logging in. This is a fantastic tool and we can't wait to start using it. We're hoping you may soon be able to show us a few tricks with it too!

We'll see you all on Monday, some at NMPAT and some through our computer screens. This is going to be a really exciting year, even though things may be a bit different from normal, and we're really looking forward to working with our brilliant CIS 20/21!

Mrs Bickerdike, conductor Mrs Bell, conductor Mrs Malitskie, coach and lower strings specialist.



CJS Rehearsal Timetable 21st September to October half term

21st September

5:15-6:30 - Richard Coles Hall, NMPAT - Quick Quavers

5:15-5:45 - Online - Crazy Crotchets with Mrs Bell

28th September

5:15-6:30 - Richard Coles Hall, NMPAT - Crazy Crotchets

5:25-6:30. - Online - Quick Quavers with Mrs Bickerdike

5th October

5:15-6:30 - Richard Coles Hall, NMPAT - Quick Quavers

5:15-5:45 - Online - Crazy Crotchets with Mrs Malitskie

12th October

5:15-6:30 - Richard Coles Hall, NMPAT - Crazy Crotchets

5:15-5:45 - Online - Quick Quavers with Mrs Malitskie

19th October

5:15-6:30 - Richard Coles Hall, NMPAT - Quick Quavers

5:25-5:45 - Online - Crazy Crotchets with Mrs Bickerdike

Links for online rehearsals will added to our CJS Teams.

Finalised Orchestra Lists

Crazy Crotchets Orchestra

Victoria M Paulina F
Aaylah H Isaac S
Brooke P Sophie G
Jayden L Erin H
Alice C Esme P
Holly T Jessica I

Quick Quavers Orchestra

Samuel F Madeleine B
Benjamin H Archie H
Sophie Q Freya A
Olivia J Betsy L-W
Lilly Anne K-J Henry B
George S Olivia M

Isabella | Zoey W

Alice C