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Dear Parent /Carer,

This year the Senior Concert Band, Big Band and Junior Concert Band will be taking part a number of events both in and out of the Academy. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of these forthcoming events and to give you additional information.

#### **National Festival of Music for Youth (Regionals)**

The National Festival of Music for Youth event takes place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017** at Northampton School for Girls. The Senior Concert Band will combine with the Junior Concert Band and perform a programme of 'Earth Dance' and 'Palladio'. The Big Band will also perform at this event. At the moment it looks likely we will be performing between 5.30pm-8.00pm. We will depart the Academy by coach at approx. 4.00pm and return at approx. 9.00pm. I will write with firmer details nearer the event.

#### **Oundle Festival of Music and Drama**

All of the ensembles from the music department will take part in the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama which will be held in the Chapel at Oundle School. This will take place on the last day of term, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 during normal school time. We will travel by coach to and from Oundle School. Again I will write with further details when this is confirmed.

#### **Summer Festival of Music**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May the Senior Concert Band and Big Band have been invited to perform at a concert in Northampton as part of NMPAT's Summer Concert Series. The concert will take place at Spinney Theatre, Northampton and will also feature groups from the County Music Service. The concert will commence at 6.00pm. It is likely we will depart the Academy at approx 3.00pm and return directly after the concert.

#### **Corby Business Academy Summer Concert**

Our annual Summer Concert will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017** in the Academy theatre and will also involve a guest soloist as well as a number of local Primary Schools.

#### **National Festival of Music for Youth (Finals)**

If we qualify from the regional series of Music for Youth, the finals will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017** in Birmingham. If we do not qualify then it is likely we will organise an aspirational trip with a group of students to listen to the finals at Symphony Hall, Birmingham. This may also involve a performance in one of the fringe events.

#### **Oundle International Music**

We are extremely fortunate to have been invited to perform with the Senior Concert Band at the Oundle International Festival on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. As yet I don't know the full details but it is likely to involve an afternoon performance in a venue at Oundle.

#### **Tour to Holland**

The tour company (NST) who we are using are in the final stages of organising our excursions and concerts. As soon as I have more details I will inform you. The tour is due to depart on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and return on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. Unfortunately the tour is now full. Should your son / daughter still wish to attend please contact the Finance Department at Corby Business Academy who will put them on a waiting list.

In order for these events to be successful it is imperative that students attend rehearsals as and when required. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries with any of the above.

Corby Business Academy believes it is important that students take part in trips and events as this adds to their understanding of the curriculum and the world they live in helping to them develop as young people and young adults. Participating in these opportunities the students represent Corby Business Academy, therefore there is the expectation that students who take part have demonstrated good conduct for learning during this year. Students are made aware through tutor time of their conduct for learning record; parents can see this on the reports which are sent home three times a year.

Yours faithfully

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Director of Music

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Teacher of Music