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Dear

I am writing with some important information regarding three musical events taking place this term at Corby Business Academy.

OUNDL FESITVAL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA

On **Friday 23rd March** all of our larger musical ensemble will be performing at the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama. Our performances are provisionally planned for the afternoon session to take place in the Chapel at Oundle School, Oundle. I will write with further details nearer the time.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR YOUTH (REGIONALS)

Corby Business Academy has a fine tradition of music making. Each year we enter groups into the regional heats of the National Festival of Music for Youth. If successful they are then invited to perform in venues such as Symphony Hall, Birmingham as part of the National Festival. This year the festival takes place at Northampton School for Girls on **Saturday 10th March 2018**. This year we have entered a combined Concert Band consisting of our Senior and Junior Concert Band as well as the Academy Big Band.

Our performances will be in the latter sessions between 5.00pm-9.00pm. I will write with further details nearer the time. We will be departing by coach from Corby Business Academy at approximately 3.30pm pm on Saturday 10th March and will return for approximately 10.00pm. Students will be supervised at all times. You are more than welcome to join us in Northampton for what promises to be a great evening. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and some money for a tuck shop. Students will also need to wear full school uniform and will be provided with a Corby Business Academy waistcoat.

NATIONAL CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL FINAL

In November 2017 your child took part in the National Concert Band Festival in Nottingham. I am pleased to inform you that the Big Band and Junior Concert Band have qualified to take part in the National Finals due to be held at The Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester **on Saturday 7th April 2018**. This is a real honour and indeed the second time Corby Business Academy have been invited to perform in such a prestigious event.

I am in the early stages of planning and at the moment and all the arrangements are provisional but it is likely that we will travel to Manchester early on Friday 6th April and return late in the evening on Saturday 7th April 2018. This

creates a challenge in that Saturday 7th April falls in the middle weekend of the Easter holidays. At this stage I need to know if your son /daughter can be involved in this competition outside of the normal school term.

Our performance will be at some point on Saturday 7th April. To avoid an extremely early start from Corby, we are likely to stay in a hotel as close as we can to The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on Friday 6th April. This will also allow us to rehearse properly and make the most of the wonderful opportunity to attend a music festival. We will travel back to Corby Business Academy after the Festival on Saturday 7th April.

It is difficult at this stage to work out the individual costs for students; however, I am seeking funding to keep costs to an absolute minimum. Again, as soon as I have more information I will keep you informed.

The festival is extremely well organised with a host of events including masterclasses, workshop, concerts as well as the Big Band and Concert Band Festival. This will be a truly special day for everyone associated with Corby Business Academy. We do hope that you would be able to support us in Manchester. Unfortunately parents/carers will have to arrange their own transport to and from Manchester if they wish to attend the event. If you require tickets to the festival you are advised to contact the box office at The Royal Northern College of Music.

I would be grateful if you could sign the form below at this stage signalling the intention that your child will be able to perform in the National Concert Band Festival on Friday 6th April-Saturday 7th April 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Clive Wears
Director of Music

National Concert Band Festival - Please hand this form to Mr Wears by Monday 22nd January 2018

Student's Name

I provisionally give my permission for my child to perform at the National Concert Band Festival in Manchester on Friday 6th April-Saturday 7th April 2018.

Signed

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