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Chiltern Music Academy's

BIG NOISE 2024

9.00am – 2.30pm, Friday 25th October 2024

Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce that *High Wycombe C of E* instrumentalists from Years 5 & 6 have been invited to attend Chiltern Music Academy's **FREE BIG NOISE 2024** on **Friday, 25th October 2024** at Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe culminating in a videoed Grand Finale Concert to Head Teachers, Governors and Parents.

Big Noise 2024 will bring children from across Buckinghamshire together to experience the joy of ensemble playing. Year 5-9 pupils playing a string, wind, brass, recorder or percussion instrument will become part of an orchestra of over 150 players for a day. Pianists of grade 3 plus standard wishing to learn a tuned percussion part are also included in Big Noise 2024.

Big Noise 2024 aims to:

- Offer children the opportunity to make music with other young musicians from across their local area, and to **perform** in an orchestra of over 150 instrumentalists
- **Aid transition** for Primary School musicians, strengthening musical ties between Primary and Secondary Schools to ensure that musicians do not "fall through the net" as they move schools
- Enable Secondary School Heads of Music to **engage** with Year 5 & 6 pupils
- Offer **Parents** an opportunity to engage with School music staff and with Chiltern Music Academy.

Here is a brief video of [Big Noise 2023](#) to see what fun the children had!



Important information

Preparation and standard of participants

Music Preparation for Big Noise 2024 would be beneficial, but not essential.

Big Noise 2024 will cater for all pupils who have completed at least one full year of instrumental lessons and can read music notation.

Advanced pupils are welcome and will be provided with music of an appropriate standard.

Media Permission required

Big Noise 2024 will be videoed and shared on the CMA website, school websites and social media so that we can celebrate the children's achievement with whole school communities.

Chiltern Music Academy regrets that no child may attend Big Noise 2024 without media consent.

Programme:

The children will rehearse in ability-based workshops led by Chiltern Music Academy tutors and will perform as a small ensemble and in a massed item. The timetable will be as follows:

- 9.15 Arrival / Registration
- 9.30 Session 1
- 10.40 Break
- 11.10 Session 2 (staff CPD)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 12.35 Session 3
- 1.30 Massed Rehearsal
- 2.00 Concert
- 2.30 End and dismiss

Invitation to Parents

Parents of participants are invited to attend a short Reception at 1.30pm to meet Secondary School Music teachers and CMA staff prior to the concert at 2.00pm.

Application process

Places are limited for **BIG NOISE 2024** so it is important that we submit our application early.

In order to complete our school application form we shall need the following information:

1. Your child's name and Year Group
2. Instrument played (all orchestral instruments, recorder & Grade 3 plus pianists, but **not** guitar).
3. Standard reached (last grade achieved if applicable)
4. Media consent
5. Parents Reception invitation RSVP

Please return your completed application form to the school office by Friday 4th October 2024

Further details about **BIG NOISE 2024** will be sent to you following confirmation from Chiltern Music Academy that our application has been successful.

Best wishes

Mrs Wells





APPLICATION FORM BIG NOISE 2024



Young Musician's Details

Family Name	
First Name	M/F
Special medical or educational needs	

Parent/Guardian Details

Family Name	
First Name	Mr/Mrs/Miss
Email address	
Emergency mobile number	

Instrument and Standard

Instrument	Last grade achieved (if applicable)
CMA cannot accommodate guitar at Big Noise 2024	

Please note:

- Pupils may choose **one** instrument only to play for the duration of the Big Noise
- Each student must have completed **at least a year of lessons** and be able to music notation. Recorder players should be able to play *and read* a D major scale
- Advanced musicians will be accommodated with parts that are of an appropriate standard
- Chiltern Music Academy cannot take responsibility for any child left unsupervised in the RGS car park. Parents must undertake to accompany their child to be registered and collected at a pre -arrange meeting point with School staff.
- N.B. **All children must have media consent.**

Declaration and signature

- I have read and understood the requirements for Big Noise 2024.
- I give permission for my child to feature in the Big Noise 2024 video which will be shared on the CMA website, school websites and social media.
- I understand that pupil data shared with Chiltern Music Academy will be used for the purposes of participation in Big Noise 2024 only.
- I would like to attend the Big Noise 2024 Reception at 1.30pm.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)
Printed name

Please return your completed form to the school office by Friday 4th October 2024.

