



Barnard Castle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we look ahead to the 2026/27 academic year, I wanted to share with you some exciting updates regarding music at Barnard Castle School.

As you will be aware, our new Director of Music, Matt Lowe, joins Barney in September. Matt brings with him a wealth of experience, outstanding musical expertise, and a strong track record of leading successful school music departments. I am very much looking forward to working alongside him as we continue to build on Barney's proud musical tradition. Together, we are committed to providing an exceptional musical education, ensuring that every pupil has the opportunity to develop their talents and fulfil their musical potential during their time at Barney.

Alongside our ensemble programme, which will include a Prep Choir and Prep Orchestra, we continue to encourage pupils of all ages and abilities to take advantage of the outstanding one-to-one instrumental and vocal tuition available at Barney. Our team of expert Visiting Music Teachers (VMTs) offers specialist tuition across a wide range of instruments and voice, supporting pupils whether they are complete beginners, preparing for examinations, or simply wishing to develop their enjoyment of music. If your child would like to begin lessons or enquire about learning an additional instrument, please complete the form linked below, and we will be in touch with further information.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ZuuPwLdqrz>

I very much look forward to another exciting year of music at Barney, and to seeing our pupils continue to grow, perform, and thrive.

Kind Regards,

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