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Great Marlow School: Bucks Orchestra for All

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to inform you about an exciting opportunity for instrumental students at Great Marlow School to take part in the Bucks Orchestra for All (BOfA) programme during the 2025–26 academic year. BOfA is a programme exclusively for secondary schools in Buckinghamshire which aims to give instrumental students of any level the chance to enjoy a high-quality ensemble experience, while promoting ensemble playing within schools.

The programme is open to any instrumentalist at Great Marlow School (not singers) and students of all standards are welcome. Participants come together once per term to rehearse with Buckinghamshire Music Trust tutors, culminating in a performance during the Summer Term. Last year, over 50 musicians performed as part of BOfA at the BMT Summer Festival held at the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

The next rehearsal day will take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at Aylesbury Music Centre, Walton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7ST. We will leave GMS by coach at 8.15 am and are aiming to return by 3.00 pm, traffic permitting. If your child normally takes the school bus home, please be prepared to make alternative arrangements for them should there be a delay in our return time. Students will be supervised throughout the day and should bring along a packed lunch to eat at the venue, plus their instruments. They are expected to wear full school uniform or adhere to the sixth form dress code.

This year's repertoire includes multi-ability arrangements of:

I Got Rhythm
Invierno Porteño (Piazzolla)
Doctor Who (BBC Ten Pieces version)

Pupils will receive a link to the music, with multi-ability parts provided. These will be printed and rehearsed in school in advance of the rehearsal day if pupils are part of the Wind band and Jazz band ensembles, but **if they do not attend these groups it is strongly recommended that they rehearse these parts at home before the day.**

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £15 for the trip to cover the cost of the coach. There is no obligation to pay and no student will be treated any differently should their parent / carer be unable or unwilling to pay. However, the trip may not be able to go ahead if there are not enough contributions. We are aiming for the trip to be inclusive of all invited students, regardless of need.

Please would you log on to WisePay to pay any voluntary contribution **by Monday 26th January**. If this deadline is a problem, please email me directly on agreen@gms.bucks.sch.uk

You also need to consent for your child to participate by completing this [permission link](#) **by the same deadline**. No child can attend the trip without this.

We will take all medical / dietary / SEN / other / emergency contact information from the Music MS Consent Form that you should have already completed earlier this year. No child can attend the trip without this information being given by you. If any of the details need updating, please complete the MS Consent Form again through the website link **by Monday 26th January**.

As with all off-site school activities, it goes without saying that we expect the same high standards of behaviour from students as we expect when they are in school and sanctions will follow in the unlikely event that these expectations are not met.

If you have any questions about Bucks Orchestra for All or your child's suitability for the programme, please do not hesitate to contact the Music Department.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs M Green
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