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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Parental survey regarding Music in secondary education

You may recall that I wrote to you back in February regarding my research as part of my Masters degree in Education at the University of Cambridge. The focus of the study concerns the topic of Music in secondary education, and the most effective ways to engage students to enable them to make good progress in the subject.

As part of my research, I am very interested in hearing from parents and carers regarding their opinions on the matter. As such, I have designed a very short survey, which will take no more than five minutes, to measure your responses in a brief and effective manner. I am aware that it is primarily aimed at parents and carers of students in Years 7, 8 or 9 who study Music as part of the St Martin's core curriculum at KS3, however I would also be very interested in hearing from parents and carers of students in Year 10 or above, whose children have either opted to study Music at GCSE/A-level or studied Music with us in the lower years.

The survey can be found here, and I would be extremely grateful for your participation:
<https://forms.office.com/r/WjPK4Tx4GG>

I must emphasise that participation in the survey is entirely voluntary and you have the right to withdraw your responses at any time. The survey is entirely anonymous, and there are no 'compulsory' questions. Throughout my study, I will be conforming to the most up-to-date guidelines issued by the British Educational Research Association - for more details, please see here: <https://www.bera.ac.uk/publication/ethical-guidelines-for-educational-research-2018-online>.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much in advance for your important contributions to my study, which I hope will be of great value to the future of Music education at St Martin's.

Yours sincerely

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