



WIMBLEDON COLLEGE

the strings project

This exciting new venture, which began September 2005, will allow up to 50 incoming Y7 boys to learn a stringed instrument. Around 35 boys complete the course each year and perform in two teatime concerts.

Tuition and the loan of an instrument will be free of charge for the first year. Boys who wish to continue beyond the first year and who do not have the financial means to do so will be given bursary help.

Boys will be grouped in ensembles and taught as a group.

Boys signing up for this programme will be expected to practise at least 20 minutes a day at home.

Each term there will be a short teatime concert to which parents and friends will be invited.

Boys who do well and progress will be regrouped into more advanced ensembles and will have the opportunity of joining one of the school's orchestras or other music groups.

Our aim is to encourage a whole new generation of musicians to take up an instrument and to learn to play it to the highest standards.

The Strings Project is being run in partnership with the London Mozart Players (a professional orchestra which will provide expert tuition, master classes, recording opportunities and visits to concerts) and the Merton Music Foundation (which will provide the tuition and loan of many of the instruments).

Funding for this project is coming entirely from the donations of benefactors.

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Application Form

Boy's name:

Which instrument would you like to learn? Please tick one box.

Violin	
Viola	
Cello	
Double bass	
Do not mind which	

Do you already play an instrument? If so please write which instrument and what grade you are currently working on:

Instrument:

Grade:

If I am selected for the Strings Project I promise to commit at least 20 minutes a day practising at home.

Signed:

(pupil)

Date:

I give permission for my son to be involved in the Strings Project. I understand he will be responsible for taking proper care of the instrument he is loaned and I will pay for any damage. I understand he will need to practise for at least 20 minutes a day and will ensure he does so.

Signed:

(parent)

Date:

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO WIMBLEDON COLLEGE by post to the Music Department, Wimbledon College, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4NS