

In2Music at College Town School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Would you like to come and hear your child perform in a concert? Do you wish you had been able to learn an instrument as a child? In2Music is a fun introduction to playing an instrument, and includes games, singing, learning the basics and performing together as a class!

Learning an instrument strengthens the brain in ways no other activity can. Research shows that children who learn music develop stronger executive functions, helping them plan, focus, and adapt to challenges more effectively. Music is a shared experience, and learning and playing an instrument together teaches children how to listen, cooperate, and work as a team. You will be invited into school to celebrate all the children have learned at the end of project concert – look out for communications from the school about this.

Your child will be learning the **trumpet** with their class this year, taught by **James Baker**. After an initial few lessons to learn the basics of how to care for the instrument, your child will be encouraged to take it home, in order to share their learning with you, and play in between lessons. This is an important part of the process of learning a musical instrument, which requires discipline and regular practice in order to make the best progress. We hope you will be able to support your child to make the most of this opportunity, Please look out for further communication from the school on this.

In the first term, the children will be working towards their **In2Music Level 1 Amethyst award**, which means that they will:

- Learn basic techniques on their given instrument
- Listen to high-quality performances given by their teacher
- Take part in musical activities with their class, reinforcing key skills such as beat, rhythm and pitch
- Sing and play simple songs from a variety of genres



They will then progress to earn their Emerald and Sapphire awards after terms 2 and 3, to celebrate their continued commitment to learning.

We hope the children will be inspired to continue learning after they've achieved level 3. After this initial year they will be offered the chance to sign up for group lessons, as far as possible with the same teacher, to continue to progress. To find out more about how lessons work, our fees, and more about the huge amount we have on offer at schools and at our music centres, please visit our website [Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust](http://www.berksmusictrust.org.uk)

We look forward to inspiring what we hope will be the next generation of young musicians!

Yours sincerely,

Mel Hopkin

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