

TERM 2 2021-2022

BST Community Music Newsletter

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Mr Drew

MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the Term 2 Music Community Newsletter. What better place for me to start than to welcome Mr Drew to the Music team. After a term of fabulous video lessons for our Primary students, he was able to introduce himself to the children in person this week. Mr Drew will be teaching students from Nursery to Year 4 and running various MECAs at Shibuya in Term 3. Welcome to BST!

This has been another incredibly busy term at the school, with a lot of activity from our performers from across the Primary and Secondary schools. The term kicked off in February with our second Advanced Musicians' Recital of the academic year, with students from Primary and Secondary taking part. This was swiftly followed by the Cabaret and the Primary Instrumentalists' Concert. You will find pictures and videos of all of these events later on in the newsletter.

A very special mention should be given to the Secondary Musical, with the welcome return of the show to our performance calendar. It was great for the Music Department to work with Ms Sheffield and the amazing cast to help put this show together. I hope many more students will be inspired to take part in future years.

I would like to say thank you to the incredible commitment of the students this term in realising some wonderful performances. You have earned a good rest over the Easter break, so please enjoy reflecting on your achievements this term.

AMBASSADOR FOCUS

- LISA UDAGAWA

Music is something very important to me. I started playing the violin at 5, and my passion towards my violin and music grew as time passed by. I've played in several concerts, and I also participated in several orchestras and trios. I enjoy playing with different types of instruments. By becoming a music Ambassador, I want to show the importance of music to everybody.



Lisa Udagawa (Y7)

AMBASSADOR FOCUS

- KAI FUJIMOTO

I also play the violin. I have been playing for 7 years. I have played in many concerts and competitions. I wanted to get involved more with the school music community. As an Music ambassador, I would like to make other students want to start an instrument or get involved with music.



Kai Fujimoto (Y7)

MUSIC EVENTS TERM 2



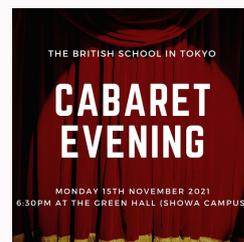
Advanced Musicians' Recital 8th February

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Primary Instrumentalists' Concert 8th March

[Click here to watch!](#)



Cabaret 1st March

[Click here to watch!](#)



The Sound of Musicals 17/18th March

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Viola Scholarship

This year we are offering two violinists from Year 6 to Year 11 the opportunity to apply for a BST viola scholarship. Successful students will receive five free lessons per term and free hire of a school viola for a year.

Please contact Mr Beston for further details (sbeston@bst.ac.jp)

Secondary Wind Ensemble

Our BST oboe/bassoon teacher, Mr Ilin, is starting a wind ensemble this term which is open to secondary students who play the flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet or french horn. The club will run on Wednesday at 1pm in Rm 311.

Please contact Mr Beston if you would like to join (sbeston@bst.ac.jp)

Singing Lessons

Since the departure of our wonderful singing teacher Ashton at the end of last year, we have unfortunately been unable to offer singing lessons. We hope to be able to offer these in the near future, and it would be very useful to hear from any parents whose children are interested in taking singing lessons either this year or next.

Please contact sbeston@bst.ac.jp if you have been awaiting the arrival of a new singing teacher!

Piano Recital

We have been offered a number of free tickets to attend a piano recital given by Barry Douglas on Wednesday 11th May 2022 Starts at 19:00 at Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall. The free ticket offer is open to students, so any parents who wish to attend will need to book tickets to the concert separately. The recital features the Beethoven Appassionata Piano Sonata and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition.

The recital may not be suitable for younger children, but please contact agoto@bst.ac.jp if you are interested in finding out more about this offer.



WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

Suggestions from our students

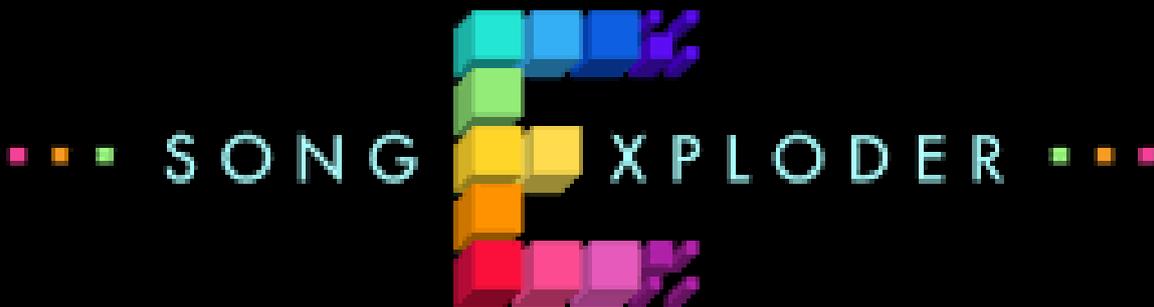
Andrew Garfield	30/90 Suggested by Amelia Wyles (Y7)	https://youtu.be/eh6-ZfWdnLQ
Little Mix	Black Magic Suggested by Oliver Reilly (Y7)	https://youtu.be/MkElfR_NPBI
Twenty One Pilots	Tear in my Heart Suggested by Jie Qi Lim (Y9)	https://youtu.be/-oLL71GgdXQ
Dodie	She Suggested by Yidu Hong (Y9)	https://youtu.be/gEdZFhCEjWI

MUSIC PODCAST RECOMMENDATION

SONG EXPLODER

A podcast where musicians take apart their songs, and piece by piece, tell the story of how they were made..." Discover the passion of artists - recently released episode 228 introduces Sarah Kinsley, and her latest song 'The King'. Kinsley reveals her struggles through the pandemic, as well as her time spent with producer Jake Aron "before it went on to become a hit with over twenty millions streams online."

>>CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE WEBSITE<<



MUSIC TED TALK

Hrishikesh Hirway - What you discover when you really listen

CLICK HERE TO WATCH

"Every conversation has the potential to open up and reveal all the layers and layers within it, all those rooms within rooms," says podcaster and musician Hrishikesh Hirway. In this profoundly moving talk, he offers a guide to deep conversations and explores what you learn when you stop to listen closely. Stay tuned to the end to hear a performance of his original song "Between There and Here (feat. Yo-Yo Ma)."



BST MUSIC INTERVIEW

BST MUSIC INTERVIEW - MS ADAMS



TOP 3 SONGS

Abusey Junction - Kokoroko

Pata Pata - Miriam Makeba

Sweet thing - Van Morrison



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PERFORMANCES OF THE MONTH



Artemy Poliakov Y3 has recently studied a polished dance called Kujawiak composed by Henryk Wieniawski.

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At the end of Term 1 Yui Leung Y8 and Tudor Mandrea Y10 recorded a movement from Leclair's Sonata in G major for 2 violins.

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Hayun Song Y2 was very excited to play on stage a movement from Oskar Rieding's Violin Concerto Op35

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Louie Mogami of Reception Giraffes performing in a piano duet, A Little Medley by Bach

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Aadi Duarah - The 1st Movement, Bruch Violin Concerto No.1 in G Minor

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Leo Colombo (Year 8) - Plauderei (Kirchner)

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Marina Holjo - Faded (Alan Walker)

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Runa Ueda proceeded to the final round of the Tokyo International Piano Competition in December 2021. As a result, she has got an encouragement prize and will have a chance to play at Suntory Hall in May 2022

[Click here to watch!](#)



Kent (Year 1 Goldfinches) had a performance at Suntory Hall on December 28th. He scored second highest in the country at the Junior Classical Music Competition, received a "Judges Award", and was invited to perform for the exhibition at Suntory Hall.

At the exhibition, he performed Variations on a Theme of Corelli in the Style of Tartini by Fritz Kreisler. Here is the video:

[Click here to watch!](#)

For his competition performance he performed Concerto in G Minor, Op. 12, No. 1, 1st Mvt, Allegro by Antonio Vivaldi

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CONGRATULATIONS

Celine Ling Y8 (ABRSM Piano Grade 5 passed with Distinction)

Kokono Satoh Y10 (ABRSM Cello Grade 6)

Matilda Grey Y5 (Grade 1 Piano with Merit)

Rosa Chinatsu Iwase Y4 (Grade 2 Piano with Distinction)

Isaac Horinouchi Year 4 (Grade 3 Violin Merit)

Seina Kikuta Y8 (Grade 6 violin Pass)

Pierce Swanger Y7 (Grade 6 violin Distinction)

Ichika Tsuchihara Y6 (Grade 5 Violin Distinction)

Emily Iwabuchi Y3 (Grade 3 violin Pass)



Congratulations to former student Jun Iwabuchi, who has been awarded the Music Exhibition at Eton College.



Another former BST violin student, Olivia Black has just been awarded a full music scholarship at Wellington College, UK after a successful audition on violin and flute.

Do you have any musical news to share?

Please send information to

Mr Beston (sbeston@bst.ac.jp).

Please also forward on any musical performances of any level to share with the BST community.

THANKYOU

