

Happy 2024 and I hope your year has started well. I wanted to let you know about some things that are happening in the Music Department this term.

Firstly I am having a clear-out to make better use of our spaces and there are 2 upright pianos that we are moving on. There is no actual charge for them, only the cost of delivery (£90 if straightforward) and a donation if you wish which will go into the funds for the new second Room of Rock - more about that later :-)

Please contact me directly - [dps@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dps@srms.kent.sch.uk) - and we can get things organised. Piano details below:

PIANO 1



PIANO 2



Let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in either piano.

Secondly, I am hoping to change one of our practice rooms into a third rehearsal room for School of Rock. This is a venture I launched over a year ago which has proved to be a marvellous kick start for young bands to get together, be mentored and begin their exciting musical journeys.

Each space needs a drum kit, electric & bass guitars, amps, keyboard and a sound system. I use money raised by concert tickets for most of the equipment needed but this is more than usual - If you would like to help financially towards this project please let me know by email. I am considering having a donors plaque on the wall in the room thanking those who helped get the space up and running.

Graham Smith & James Mullins who run School of Rock, along with Ranchor Murphy (our guitar teacher) and Jay McLusky (drums) will be preparing the students for a full-on gig later in the year showcasing all our rock talent in its many forms. Details to follow soon. This will be another chance to raise money from tickets.

Our next School concert as advertised on the calendar will be:

## Senior Spring Concert - 23rd April @ 7pm

This evening will feature the Orchestra, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir (with some addition Junior singers), Brass Group, Recorder Ensemble and solos from our leavers. Tickets will be available on the gateway in advance and also on the door. I have not set a date for the Junior Spring Concert yet but details to follow soon.

Many thanks as always for the support you give the Music Department

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