

## IDEAS FOR MUSICAL ACTIVITIES – HOME LEARNING

Dear Musicians,

In addition to the resources on the school website you can be doing any of the following

- Listen to Beethoven's 5th Symphony, 7<sup>th</sup> Symphony, Piano sonata in C minor (Pathétique), Mozart's Eine Kluge Nachtmusik, Rachmaninov's Variations on a theme of Paganini (Yr 8), Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, Haydn's Trumpet Concerto, Faure's Pavane, Pachelbel's Canon on Amazon music, Spotify or Youtube. Then follow the recommendations for what to listen to next.
- Search for a relaxing classical playlist. There are some designed for revision. Songs with lyrics can be distracting when you are concentrating on academic studies but classical music may relax you without distracting you. If you prefer to work on Maths and English in silence (I do) put it on during your afternoon activities.
- Search for BBC 10 pieces and BBC 10 pieces Secondary online and watch the short videos (about 10 minutes) to learn about famous music and composers.
- Any form of singing is good for the heart and soul, just put your favourite playlist on and open your mouth and don't worry about who is listening!
- Year 7 can make a playlist of possible Panto songs for next year. The classics work well – ask your parents for their opinion too. Don't worry about what the panto is yet. We usually need a few happy ones, a love song, a sad one and ones that are good to dance to.
- Tune in to Classic FM or if you're brave enough Radio 3 (the mornings tend to be easier to listen to) For the super keen there is a programme called Composer of the week on Radio 3 every weekday lunch 12-1. This week it's Beethoven. You can access past episodes on BBC sounds.
- Youtube has many tutorial videos of how to learn to play pretty much everything on any instrument from beginner to improving your technique as a more advanced musician. 'Simply piano' is good but you may prefer to search a specific piece or song. I look forward to hearing Dance Monkey on the keyboard next time I see you! There is a Ukulele link on the school website.
- If you are in Ceilidh band see how many of the pieces you can learn off by heart. Can you find the pieces we play on Youtube?
- If you have a portable musical instrument play it in the garden; I was practising the violin sitting on a trampoline in yesterday's sunshine.
- If you usually have instrumental lessons in or out of school keep practising every day. Set a time (immediately after lunch or teatime is good) and maintain at least 15 minutes practice a day, more if you want to be really good.