



Introducing the TRAILBLAZER scheme

Welcome from Mr Nicholls, Director of Music Specialism

Music has a unique role to play for children and young people. It is a powerful way of bringing people together, to give personal joy and fulfillment, and it is universal: Music is for everyone. Over recent years, scientific studies have confirmed what Music teachers have known for a long time - Music is both lots of fun and incredibly *good* for you! Watch this short animation for more information on this.

Cathedral Schools Trust consists of three Secondary Schools and six Primary Schools and what sets us apart is our passion for Music. If the benefits of taking part in Music are so huge, of course we want all our students to benefit from this, regardless of background, current ability and financial circumstances. This is why we created our *Trailblazer* scheme and we would love your child to take part.



What does it mean to be a Trailblazer?

Please watch <u>this short introductory video</u>. The scheme is open to all Year 7 students. Students opting to be a *Trailblazer* will receive for the year: a free instrument; 30 half-hour* group lessons with an expert teacher at a heavily discounted price; membership of a dedicated weekly ensemble just for them (Trailblazers Orchestra).

* Bassoon, oboe and tuba students will have 45min lessons until Christmas and then 30min lessons from January to Summer.

What instruments are available?

We focus on brass and woodwind instruments for beginners in Year 7. Each teacher has recorded a short video to explain their instrument. Please watch them here to inform your decision.

How can my child take part?

This is for all students who want to learn a new instrument. It is open to students that already play an instrument to a good standard but who want to take up a new instrument. It is particularly aimed at students and families that have never really considered learning an instrument all - we want you to get involved! To register your interest please complete a short Google Form by clicking on the relevant school link - <u>St Katherine's</u>, <u>Bristol Cathedral Choir School</u>, <u>Trinity Academy</u>. If interest is high we may have to put students on a waiting list so do get your form in as soon as you can.







