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Dear Parents and Carers,

RGS Instrumentalists Census 2024

The RGS Music Department has created a census to gather some up to date information about which instruments students at RGS are currently playing.

We have a number of reasons why this information will be really useful to us. It will enable us to see which instruments are most and least popular, allowing us to target certain instruments to encourage uptake. It is important to continue our vibrant extra-curricular programme by ensuring we have a wide range of instruments being learnt across the year groups. It will enable us to help and support RGS students better, as we can direct students to ensembles that they could join, and inform them personally about out of school opportunities that would suit and may interest them.

We already have a scholarship scheme for new pupils and, looking towards the future, this information will help to inform the instruments we offer to incoming musicians. We are also currently trying to improve our engagement and interaction with local primary schools, comms so it is helpful to know which school RGS musicians have attended previously.

Finally, for our annual House Music Competition, it is very useful for us and the students organising their house performance to know which musicians are in which house. It means we can encourage players and singers directly to get involved, as the Music Department oversees and supports the wider House Music event.

Therefore, if your child currently plays an instrument, please fill out this very short form **by Friday 26th January**: <https://forms.office.com/e/797PndxmNd>

We would really appreciate your support with this, so that we can better support and cater for RGS students, and provide greater opportunities for them all.

Thank you very much,
RGS Music Department