



Dear young musicians and parents

We hope you've enjoyed your Wider Opportunities Strings lessons at school, it's certainly been brilliant to work with you!



This doesn't have to be the end of your musical journey. We want you to carry on your lessons and take part in the wonderful musical opportunities available through the Dark Peak Music Foundation in your local area.

It's easy to arrange to carry on instrument lessons. Just apply asap through the Derbyshire Music Hub website www.derbyshiremusic hub.org.uk/next to sign up for lessons.

The lessons after Wider Opportunities are heavily financially subsidised by the Derbyshire Music Hub for one year, and **usually cost around £3.50 per pupil per lesson** if you carry straight on. This allows pupils to be taught in small groups of two or three to make the best progress after their whole class introduction. The use of the instrument remains free of charge. Lessons take place in school once a week, delivered by an expert violin, viola, cello or bass teacher. Individual lessons are also available but at an increased cost.

There are additional subsidies available for families in financial hardship to further reduce the cost of lessons. Find out more information at www.derbyshiremusic hub.org.uk/next

If you decide to carry on learning your instrument, you are also invited to join the **Dark Peak Junior Strings Orchestra**. We meet on Monday evening each week to have fun learning new music and musicianship skills through exciting pieces and games. The group performs in concerts at least three times a year!

All children in the class have learnt either the violin, viola or cello for their Wider Opportunities Programme. Most children continue on the same instrument, but it may be possible to change to another instrument with the same financial subsidy offer in place. Lessons are also available on recorder, flute, clarinet and brass with a Derbyshire Accredited teacher at your school. You can ask about it when you sign up for lessons at www.derbyshiremusic hub.org.uk/next

We look forward to seeing many of you again soon!

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Dark Peak Sinfonia ♦ Orchestra of the Peaks ♦ Dark Peak Concert Band ♦ Dark Peak Intermediate Wind Band
Dark Peak String Orchestras ♦ Glossop Junior Wind Band ♦ Chinley Junior Wind Band

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