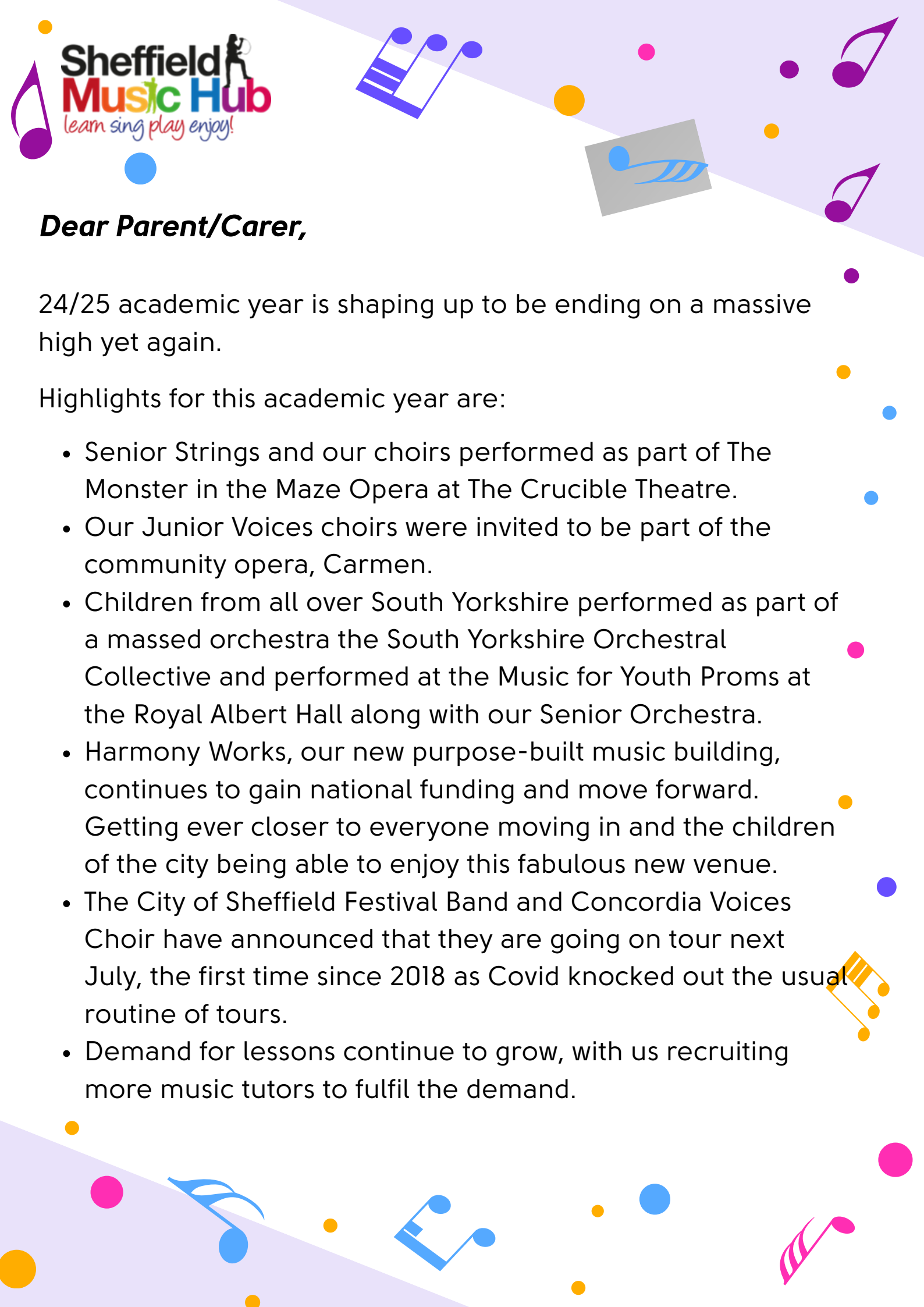




Dear Parent/Carer,

24/25 academic year is shaping up to be ending on a massive high yet again.

Highlights for this academic year are:

- Senior Strings and our choirs performed as part of The Monster in the Maze Opera at The Crucible Theatre.
- Our Junior Voices choirs were invited to be part of the community opera, Carmen.
- Children from all over South Yorkshire performed as part of a massed orchestra the South Yorkshire Orchestral Collective and performed at the Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall along with our Senior Orchestra.
- Harmony Works, our new purpose-built music building, continues to gain national funding and move forward. Getting ever closer to everyone moving in and the children of the city being able to enjoy this fabulous new venue.
- The City of Sheffield Festival Band and Concordia Voices Choir have announced that they are going on tour next July, the first time since 2018 as Covid knocked out the usual routine of tours.
- Demand for lessons continue to grow, with us recruiting more music tutors to fulfil the demand.



Music Group Information

Making music together is one of the most powerful things a young musician can do to develop both their love of music and their all-round musicianship. It really helps to accelerate progress. In Sheffield there are lots of options. You can join a music group, you can join a choir, or you can join both if you want to make super-fast progression!

As a result of growing financial pressures, we have made the necessary decision to revise our subscription structure. Moving forward, a fixed fee will apply for attendance to one group. For those wishing to participate in additional groups, a modest supplementary charge will now be introduced. We have considered our prices against other alternative after school activities and whilst we understand this may be disappointing have not taken this decision lightly. Please see below for further details:

If you would like to switch over to an annual payment or have any queries, please email MusicHubProjects@sheffield.gov.uk

We have over 30 music groups and choirs that rehearse weekly (term time only) from beginner to advanced level, so we are sure there is a group for your child to join and enjoy. No experience is needed for our Choirs, Samba and Learn to Play Guitar/Recorder so if you have other children who would like to attend but don't play an instrument yet they can join in the fun too!

We offer free places for children who meet our bursary criteria and even if you don't qualify for a free place, we have a subsidised rate for those who require financial support.

For a full list of our groups and to apply visit www.sheffieldmusichub.org/sing-and-play



Prices for Music Groups for 25/26 academic year:

Band	Termly Price	Annual Price (September - July)	Termly Price (Multiple Groups)	Annual Price Multiple Groups
Band A	£60	£165	£75	£210
Weekly Cost	£5.45/week	£5/week	£6.82/week	£6.36/week
Band B	£85	£240	£100	£285
Weekly Cost	£7.72/week	£7.27/week	£9.09/week	£8.64/week
Band C	£110	£315	£125	£360
Weekly Cost	£10/week	£9.55/week	£11.36/week	£10.91/week



Lesson Information for 25/26 academic year:

Please see below our most signed-up for lesson lengths and prices, plus the dates in which we aim to send out the invoices and the deadline for payment.

Lesson Length	Autumn Term (September to December)	Spring Term (January to April)	Summer Term (April – July)
20 minute fortnightly lessons *	£105.29	£87.74	£105.29
20 minute fortnightly lesson with bursary attached	£52.65	£42.87	£52.65
20 minute weekly lesson	£210.58	£193.03	£193.03
20 minute weekly lessons with SEND bursary attached	£105.29	£96.51	£96.51
30 minute weekly lesson	£315.86	£289.54	£289.54

**In some cases, we may be able to offer a 20-minute weekly shared lesson between 2 young people. This is only available where our music leader believes that there are 2 young musicians at the same age, instrument and musical ability. The music leader will only be able to make this decision when lessons commence.*

Billing dates and payment deadlines

Autumn Term invoices (September - December Lessons)

Invoices to be sent around the **25th of June** with a deadline of the **9th of July**

Spring Term invoices (January-April lessons)

Invoices to be sent around the **19th of November** with a deadline of **3rd of December**

Summer Term invoices (April - July lessons)

Invoices to be sent around **25th of February** with a deadline of the **11th of March**

No. of lessons expected if starting lessons in September:

Fortnightly lessons - 17 lessons over the academic year. You will be billed for 6 in Autumn and 5 in Spring and 6 in Summer.

Weekly lessons - 34 lessons over the academic year. You will be billed for 12 in Autumn and 11 in Spring and Summer.

Out of School Lessons – We will be offering 33 lessons over the academic year in line with the Music Group delivery.



Bursaries:

If you would like to find out more about our bursaries and eligibility, please visit our [website](#).

Transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7:

We have emailed each family individually regarding transition from year 6 to year 7. You should have all the information regarding your next steps into Secondary school. If you haven't received this, please do let us know at MusicHubOperations@sheffield.gov.uk

Current Year 11's

We have emailed each family regarding lessons ending in year 11 and potential moves in year 12 or college. If you haven't received this, please do let us know at MusicHubOperations@sheffield.gov.uk.

Changing your sign-up:

If you have decided that you would like to change your lesson length, please speak to your Music Leader or Tutor about this initially. Obviously, we will always aim to amend timetables to accommodate increases or decreases in lessons, but it might just take some juggling. All we need is an email to MusicHubOperations@sheffield.gov.uk and we can sort that out for you. If any lessons amendments could be made in writing by the 16th of June, this will ensure that your Autumn Term bill is accurate to your young musician's needs.

Withdrawing from lessons/groups:

If you have taken the decision to withdraw your young musician from lessons or groups, please confirm this via writing to us at MusicHubOperations@sheffield.gov.uk. If you could please include your child's name, school and a reason for withdrawing for our records that would be fabulous.

Instrument Hire Information

If you would like to return your Music Hub Hired instruments, please contact musichubequipment@sheffield.gov.uk and Rob will be happy to help with details of when and where to return.



We hope the above information has covered everything but if you do have any further queries or questions don't hesitate to contact us on

MusicHubOperations@sheffield.gov.uk.

We can't wait to start another academic year making fabulous music together.

Best wishes,

The Operations Team



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