

Dear Year 5 and 6 Parents,

After the success of last year's FOBISIA Primary Music Festival in Kuala Lumpur, we are delighted to inform you that the Performing Arts department will be selecting 15 young musicians from Year 5 and 6 to represent the school at the FOBISIA Primary Music Festival 2025, hosted by Wellington College International Shanghai.

The Festival will be held between 20th-24th March 2025, with students flying out the morning of the 20th accompanied by 3 members of DBIS staff. There will be a Celebration Concert on Sunday, 23rd March in Shanghai to showcase the repertoire, which parents are invited to attend.

We are thrilled and excited to be able to offer this opportunity for our young musicians once more, and hope to be taking students for both the choir and orchestra.

#### The Selection Progress

Each child will undergo a formal audition process in front of the Performing Arts department. Auditions will be held during the week of the 14th - 18th October 2024. Please note that students will not be invited on the trip without undertaking this audition process.

Orchestra	Choir
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Perform a piece at, or around, Grade 3 level on their orchestral instrument</li><li>- Simple sightreading exercise</li><li>- A short interview regarding why the experience is important to them.</li></ul> <p>(Please note that instruments such as the piano/keyboard, guitar, ukulele are not orchestral instruments)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Perform an excerpt of Bar 8 - 24 of <i>Dreaming in the Sky</i> by Paul Jarman</li><li>- Sing basic scales as directed by the Music Department to check for pitch accuracy</li><li>- To demonstrate basic understanding of score reading</li><li>- A short interview regarding why the experience is important to them.</li></ul>

### Requirements

- Provide payment of HK\$9,600 to cover the cost of the Festival, hotel accommodation ([Shangri-La Qiantan](#)), flights, meals, workshops, transport in Shanghai. Initial payment of HK\$5,000 by 6th December 2024, and second payment of \$4,600 by 7th February 2025.
  - Please note that any monies paid is nonrefundable. However, circumstances can be considered should a student be unable to attend due to illness and a replacement musician can be secured.
- Your child must be available from the 20th-24th March 2025, there will be no opportunity for students to join the event late or leave the event early.
- Successful students in the Choir will be required to attend extra rehearsals at Wednesday lunchtimes beginning Term 2, whilst children in the Orchestra are expected to bring the repertoire to their instrument teachers to learn and practise.
- Parents are not required to accompany their child on this trip; however, should parents like to accompany and/or attend the concert, please note that FOBISIA policy prevents parents from staying at the same hotel as the children.

### Next steps

We will only audition children that have consent provided by parents. Therefore, if you agree to the above requirements please complete [this form](#) by noon on Wednesday 9th October. We will then be in contact with an audition time for your child.

Following selection, a parent meeting will be held to provide further information.

Best wishes,

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