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Dear Parents/Carers,

Young Sounds UK

Here in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire, a new scheme called the Young Sounds Connect Programme has been launched to support emerging musicians in their musical journey. Children who have

- completed an initial course, such as our year 4 instrument scheme
- chosen to continue learning an instrument for a second year with a specialist teacher,
- made good progress, or have shown the potential to make good progress

AND

Whose household income is eligible (below £30,000 or up to £40,000, depending on the number of children in the household) are encouraged to apply.

If your application is successful, the scheme includes free music lessons and a small bursary (£50) to cover related expenses such as books, reeds, strings, rosin, valve oil, travel expenses to the Bridge Centre, Birches Head to attend the free City Ensembles or ABRSM graded exam fees. There are also termly experience days called "Get Togethers" More information is on <https://www.youngsounds.org.uk/connect/> webpage.

If you would like to apply or express an interest, please go to <https://www.youngsounds.org.uk/connectors/#meet-our-connectors> and follow the button "click here to connect" that takes you to a short form.

I do hope this can help some of our children to further their learning where cost is the barrier to continuing.

Kind regards,

Mrs Amison

Music Teacher.

If you require this information in any other format, please contact the school office.

