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Dear Parents/Carers

## Mini Saxophone

I have the pleasure of writing to you to inform you that your son is to be issued with a mini saxophone. Throughout lockdown many of our students were disappointed that they were unable to make practical music as many did not have an instrument at home. Instruments can often be costly to buy and take up lots of space. Research has proved that learning a musical instrument aids positive mental health as well as improving concentration, resilience and a sense of achievement. We are very fortunate to have been helped with the purchase of the instruments by a Pay it Forward Grant from Headstart Kent.

The Nuvo dood is in between a mini saxophone and a clarinet with that husky silky reed quality. The instrument is compact, robust and fully washable with plastic reeds supplied. The dood will form part of our curriculum and aid learning notation, rhythm and ensemble performances. Therefore it is a compulsory element of your son's Year 7 education. Your son is expected to take excellent care of the instrument supplied to him as you will be responsible for loss or damage. It should be taken home regularly to practice at home and must be brought to every music lesson. Should a student forget his equipment for a lesson, then he will be sanctioned accordingly.

We hope that in giving this extra opportunity to your son he may decide to take up a full-sized instrument or even want to keep it at the end of Year 7. I realise that some may already have lessons on other instruments but the dood, and the lessons that we will supply, will support all musical learning.

As your son will have full responsibility over the academic year for his instrument we kindly ask you to complete an agreement by Wednesday 18 November. Please click the link : <https://www.hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk/nuvodood>

Yours sincerely

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