Dear Parent/carer,

To celebrate your child’s first year of learning an instrument through our Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) programme, we would like to invite them to join one of our **free** WCET Stars Ensemble.

Starting during the Summer term this free ensemble will run for 7 weeks with a performance on that final 7th week.

As part of our commitment to music making in Suffolk Schools, we want your child to experience making music as part of a large ensemble / orchestra with other young musicians.  As well as developing their musical skills they will improve their confidence, develop their creativity and sense of achievement, make new friends and have fun!

The WCET Stars Ensembles will be running at the following venues:

* Abbeygate Sixth Form College, Bury St Edmunds – starts Friday 12th May 16:40-17:20

Email:  [lewis.blythe@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lewis.blythe@suffolk.gov.uk)

* Benjamin Britten Academy of Music, Lowestoft – starts Friday 12th May 16.30 - 17.15

Email: [mark.sewell@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:mark.sewell@suffolk.gov.uk)

* Stradbroke High School, Stradbroke, starts Friday 12th May 16:15 -17:00

Email: [mark.sewell@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:mark.sewell@suffolk.gov.uk)

* Northgate Arts Centre, Ipswich – start Saturday 13th May 10:00-10:45am

Email: [helen.simms@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:helen.simms@suffolk.gov.uk)

To take advantage of this free opportunity for your child/children simply send an email with the heading ‘WCET Stars Ensemble’ along with the child’s name, school, year group and instrument they are learning to the email address for your chosen venue above.

Kind regards

**Benjamin Chadwick**

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