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Blackburn Blast Off Band

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to let you know that there is now an opportunity for your child to join an exciting musical group at **The Bureau Centre for the Arts in Blackburn**. Here are the details:

WHO IS IT FOR?

This beginner band will be made up of woodwind, brass and string instruments and is aimed at those children who have only been learning for just a short amount of time. The band will rehearse on **Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm to 6:00pm during term time until July**. It provides the perfect start for playing in an ensemble and can lead to progressing through our other bands and orchestras.

WHY IS GROUP PLAYING IMPORTANT?

Having lessons in school is an essential first step but all musicians need the experience of playing with others if they are to achieve their full potential. Playing in a group complements and enhances the tuition that children receive in school and provides a fun, social aspect to their musical education. There are many benefits; both social and academic, gained by learning to play an instrument and it is a skill which will then stay with them for life.

DO THE GROUPS GIVE ANY CONCERTS?

There are at least two main concerts each year in different venues, including our prestigious Music Centre Presents Series of concerts at the Victoria Hall.

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HOW DO I JOIN?

Rehearsals take place on **Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm to 6:00pm** at The Bureau Centre for the Arts, 5 Exchange Street Blackburn, BB1 7JN.

To book a place for your child, please go to www.boltonmusicservice.com/parents-and-pupils/ scroll down and click 'Book your Music lessons and ensembles'. In this section, please select the correct group. The Blast Off Band is currently £17 per month, paid over 9 months.

We hope to see your child on Thursday afternoons but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01204 333533 or at the email address below.

With many thanks,

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