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Band Instrument Assignment

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Dear Year 5 parents,

Welcome to band at RCHK!

The band program is an ideal opportunity for all students in Year 6 to apply what they have learned throughout the Primary Years Programme, and is offered as part of the PYP curriculum.

Instrument Assignments

I have been working with the Year 5 students to select their best-suited band instrument to play in Year 6.

It is crucial to have a balance of instruments within the band so that all students have a rewarding musical experience. Your child will choose three preferred instruments and will ultimately be assigned one of his/her favorites to play. In order to help students make an appropriate choice of instrument, I undertake an extensive assessment with all students to evaluate their physique and musical strengths in order to ensure the best chance of success for your child.

Your child will know his/her assigned instrument and be able to share with you the process for choosing their instrument at student led conferences. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding instrument assignment, but also be aware that **changes in instrument assignment are rare as there are a limited number of each instrument available.**

Damage to instruments

It is your child's responsibility to keep his/her instrument working well, and families are responsible for paying repair costs for any damage affecting the instruments' playing condition.

Band is fun, and a great way to develop team spirit. Everyone needs to play a part, and every part is essential. A positive attitude is important and therefore any encouragement you as parents can give your children will help ensure they gain the most from the experience of playing in a large ensemble.

Sincerely,

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