



Dear Parents,

This week has been another busy one as Beauty and the Beast rehearsals come to the end of the blocking section and the students start to really fully focus on their own character and learning lines. Most pupils have already been working on their different accents and performance techniques, and we have been very impressed with all students from Year 5 to Year 13. The Orchestra (pit band) is also progressing extremely well and working hard with what is a very busy and technically demanding score.

As we approach Christmas and the end of term, we are looking forward to our choirs performing at the Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 29 November and at the Carol Concert on Thursday 3 December. They will also be performing at a few Christmas events at various hotels in Shanghai. A letter will be sent home to those in the choirs regarding these performances very soon, so please look out for that.

Years 4-6 have now finished trying out all the instruments we have in school and the requests for lessons have started to come in quite rapidly. If your child is interested in playing an instrument, please take up the opportunity to borrow a school instrument for free. These opportunities do not happen in every school and we are so very fortunate to be able to offer this to our students. The details for music lessons can be found on the school website under the Music section within the Teaching and Learning area. Please fill in the form and return to school (make sure that you indicate if you wish to borrow a school instrument). I will then organise the lessons for you once the form is received at school. If there are any questions regarding individual music lessons then please email me on [p-bailey@naispudong.com](mailto:p-bailey@naispudong.com) and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

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