

Important information for parents and pupils who have instrumental /vocal lessons with Hampshire Music Service.....

## **HMS Virtual Learning Zone**

The HMS Virtual Learning Zone will be opening for the summer term. Please go to [www.hants.gov.uk/hms](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hms) to log a parent email address and you will be contacted as soon as the Zone is up and running.

By logging on to the Learning Zone, you will be able to:

- \*have email conversations with your child's music teacher
- \*get advice and information on how to help them progress with their instrumental/vocal skills.
- \*access an extensive resources section which includes video demos by HMS staff and lots of music, technical exercises, worksheets, ensemble activities etc.
- \*the opportunity to upload audio or video recordings of your son/daughter playing, for a more detailed response from their teacher.

This new format for teaching will start in the summer term, although you can make contact with your teacher before the Easter holidays if you wish to. Teachers will respond at least once a week during term-time, and you will have open access to all the online resources. This provision is available for HMS students, so please do not share the password with students who will not be registered to communicate with an HMS teacher.

When the Zone is open to sign in please visit....

- [www.hants.gov.uk/hms](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hms) and click on 'Sign in to HMS' located in the pink bar. Then click on the blue padlock 'Sign in to Student area'.
- Follow the instructions on the 'Student secure area' page and click on the pink 'Secure area' button to continue.
- Enter the username and password which you will find in your son/daughter's practice diary, and click 'ok' (username: hmsstudent, password: learningzone).

Here you will find links to the various sections contained within the Learning Zone, along with instructions on how to contact your teacher and upload recordings of your children playing.

If you experience technical issues with the website, please email [e-support@hms.hants.gov.uk](mailto:esupport@hms.hants.gov.uk)

After Easter some HMS teachers will be able to offer real-time online lessons, via Goggle Meet. More details about this will be available from 20 April.

We hope you enjoy the resources and opportunities to continue engaging with our teachers and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

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