



## Newsletter

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Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> issue of Perth & Kinross Music Foundation's 6 monthly Newsletter.

The Trustees hope that you and your families are all well, and have managed to get back into a "normal" routine again following nearly 3 years of disruption due to the Covid pandemic.

In this issue, we bring you up to date with what we have been up to over the last 6 months, and also give you some information on what our future plans are.

### **What have we been up to over the last 6 months?**

We are still waiting to hear that the Scottish Government's policy change with regard to free music tuition in state schools has been legislated for in statute. This change was announced in July 2021 but these legislative changes can take a long time to be progressed by the Scottish Parliament.

Since our last newsletter, the Trustees have continued to support the Instrumental Music Service, whilst remaining within the terms of our OSCR approved constitution.

To that end, we agreed with Allan Young (IMS Co-ordinator) to make available a further grant of up to £20,000 to his service during academic year 2022/23. This is to be spent on additional instruments, equipment, and other required resources identified by Allan and his team. This will help their efforts to re-establish the level of service that they provide to pre-pandemic levels, and thus encourage more young people to want to learn to play a musical instrument. This sum is in addition to the £10,000 which we paid over for academic year 2021/22.

### **What are our plans for the future?**

As noted last time, given that we still have a considerable amount of funds even after we settle the invoice for current year spend, we intend to discuss again with Allan Young whether or not there is further assistance we can give to him and his team to support the continued development and growth of the service over the 2023/24 academic year.

## **Our Finances**

As is mentioned above, we still have a reasonable amount of funds in the bank, therefore the Foundation's Trustees will continue to be very flexible and pragmatic going forward in supporting the Instrumental Music Service staff to continue to provide a first class music tuition service to all pupils in Perth & Kinross Council schools.

The Trustees would like to say a massive thank you to all our funders, sponsors, supporters and Friends, for your support over the last 25+ years.