



Newsletter

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Welcome to the 11th issue of Perth & Kinross Music Foundation's 6 monthly Newsletter. The Trustees hope that you and your families are all well, and are enjoying the summer weather!

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?

Colleagues at Perth & Kinross Council Education & Childrens Service have confirmed that all music fees were abolished as of August 2022. This is the news that we have been waiting for, and comes after an attempt during the Council budget setting process in February/March 2023 to reintroduce fees for Central Groups and other Instrumental Music Service (IMS) activities.

Since our last newsletter, the Trustees have continued to support the IMS, whilst remaining within the terms of our OSCR approved constitution. During academic year 2022/23 we awarded the Service a grant of £20,000 towards the purchase of instruments, equipment, and other resources that were identified by Allan Young and his team. Due to supplier issues it was only possible to spend £15,000 during the Foundation's financial year, so the remaining £5,000 will be carried forward into our next financial year along with any additional grant that the Trustees may consider making to the IMS team for 2023/24.

What are our plans for the future?

As noted last time, given that we still have a considerable amount of funds even after we have settled the invoice received from Perth & Kinross Council for the £15,000 that Allan Young and his team were able to spend, it is intended that once we consider the final financial results for our financial year that ended in June 2023, we will discuss again with Allan 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 IMS staff to continue to provide a first class music tuition service to all pupils in Perth & Kinross Council schools.

At the end of the last academic term, the IMS staff once again did a week “on tour” visiting various schools across the Council area in an attempt to encourage new applicants to participate in learning to play a musical instrument during 2023/24. I include below a link to the final concert of the tour week for you to enjoy at your leisure. If you copy and paste this into your web search engine you should be able to access the concert which lasts for around 90 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/GtUaqfZnAts>

The Trustees once again say a massive thank you to all our funders, sponsors, supporters and Friends, for your support over the last 27+ years.