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Westbourne News

Headlines

A warm welcome to parents and carers of our Year 7 students and a warm welcome back to everyone else! The school term has started at pace and there is a great deal going on already – much of which we will cover in this newsletter. Before we look at what is happening now and in the near future, we are very proud to look back at the summer's exam results;

A Level

First came our best ever A level results. 99% of passes were A-E and over 75% of students passed with the top three grades.

Mr Edwards said "This is our final cohort of A-Level students as our students from now on enjoy the benefits of greater opportunities that Suffolk One presents, however we are delighted to have 'gone out with a bang' with our final group of students."

GCSE

This year saw 41% of students achieving the 5 A*-C including English and maths.

Mr Edwards said "The students have worked very hard and should be very proud of their results. I am particularly pleased with the performance of our real high flyers. We have put a special focus this year on meeting the needs of the most able students and results have paid off. Many of our students are now achieving top grades in 13 or more subjects, with one student achieving 15 GCSEs. The league table looks at the number of students achieving 5 or more A*-C passes including English and maths; we now have over 30% of our students achieving 10 or more A*-C passes including English and maths."

Westbourne's top performers were Elizabeth Thurlow and Soorya Sunil both of whom achieved 13 top grade GCSEs with 12 at A* and A, Elizabeth achieving 7 A* passes. Other outstanding performers were Jackson Wingar, Marc Horrex and Daniel Stagg all of whom gained 10 A* and A grades."

Many congratulations to all the students. It is the highlight of our year to stand and watch so many young people delighted with the results of their hard work. Of course as soon as we send these students off we turn right around and get on working with the next cohort of students – the focus on achievement starts from day one and doesn't let up.

Open Evening 13th October

Just a quick reminder that school will close at 2.10 on the 13th to give us time to prepare for the Opening Evening, which takes place between 6 and 8pm. If your son or daughter has been asked to help out please make sure they return their permission slip and that they attend in full school uniform.

Rehearsals for this year's school show *Oliver!* are now well under way and tickets to see it in December will be available just after half term, however if you just cannot wait until then here is a unique opportunity to win yourself a prize money simply can't buy!

By correctly answering the question below you will be entered into a draw to win a family ticket consisting of two adults and two children to the final performance on Friday December 9th 2011. What makes the prize completely unique however is not only do you win the four front row tickets – the best seats in the house – you will also receive a complimentary drink on arrival, an *Oliver!* goody bag, a backstage tour before the show to meet the cast and two complimentary programmes to help you remember your evening – you could even get them signed by the stars of the show!

For your chance to win this unique prize simply answer the following question:

In *Oliver!* what is the name of Bill Sykes' dog?

Please e-mail your answer, along with your name and a contact telephone number to boxoffice@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk before the closing date, which is October 7th. Only one entry per person is permitted and the lucky winner will be informed the week after.

Good luck and keep your eyes peeled for future ticket announcements and exciting offers relating to the show. We hope to see lots of you at the show in December!



Can you help with *Oliver!*?

On the evening of the three performances we will be holding a raffle and selling a full colour glossy programme as a memento of the show.

If you think that you or your workplace, or even that of a friend or family member, would be interested in donating a raffle prize or advertising in the programme, we would be very interested in hearing from you.

Advertising space costs just £25 for a full colour A5 page and £15 for a half page. All raffle donations will be acknowledged within the programme and will be most gratefully received.

If you think you could help in any way, or would like to find out how to place an advert in the programme, please contact Andy Smith on 01473 466158 or alternatively email andy.smith@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your support.

Standards Reminders

At the start of the year we were delighted with how smart the students looked. As the more autumnal weather sets in we would like to remind parents of our rules regarding uniform. If students are not dressed appropriately they risk having items confiscated, so we would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring your son/daughter wears the correct uniform.

Uniform 2011 - 2012

(available to purchase from PMG Schoolwear, Tavern Street, Ipswich)

GIRLS

Blue polo shirt with college logo
Black school zip up **jacket** with college logo

OR Black **plain style** V neck jumper or cardigan

Full length standard cut black trousers (no wide flares or slits, cords, jeans, or tracksuit bottoms)

OR

Black **standard cut** skirt (no slits or extremes in length)

Black shoes

White or black socks or **natural or black plain tights**

BOYS

Blue polo shirt with college logo
Black school zip up jacket with college logo

OR Black plain style V neck jumper or cardigan

Full length standard cut black trousers (no wide flares or slits, cords, jeans, or tracksuit bottoms)

Black shoes

White or black socks

Games Kit – GIRLS	Games Kit – BOYS
Gold PE shirt with college logo	Gold PE shirt with college logo
Plain black tracksuit bottoms / shorts	Plain black tracksuit bottoms / shorts
White socks	White socks/black football socks
Training shoes	Training shoes

Practical Lessons An apron, overall or old shirt is essential if clothing is not to be soiled or damaged.

Jewellery	Make-up and Hair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One ring per hand • One bracelet • One nose stud (no eyebrow or other body piercings) • One pair of studs earrings or small sleepers • A wristwatch • No chains worn outside shirts/sweatshirts 	<p>Excessive make-up is not allowed and extreme haircuts / hairstyles / hair colours are unacceptable. Hats may not be worn in the College building. Outdoor coats can be worn in corridors but must be removed on entry to classrooms</p> <p><u>Students will be given one warning to amend their appearance. If jewellery reappears it will be confiscated. Repeated infringements will be dealt with by a serious sanction.</u></p>

Other Items

I-pods, MP3 players and mobile phones must not be used in the college buildings with the exception of the hall and canteen at break and lunch times. Valuable items should not be brought into college.

THE COLLEGE TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITEMS LOST

Westbourne School of Samba rounded off a busy summer of outdoor gigs with a performance at the Broomhill Fete. The Broomhill Trust are working with Ipswich Borough Council to engage an operator to restore the pool to it's former glory and the fete was held as a joint fundraising day for the pool and the threatened Westbourne Library. The band were such a hit on the day that the Broomhill Pool Trust very kindly decided to buy a set of specially designed t-shirts for the band. In a letter to the East Anglian Daily Times, the Trust described the band as 'a credit to the youth of our area'.

The new term started with what will probably be the last outdoor gig of 2011 for the band. As part of the presentation of the t-shirts from the Broomhill Pool Trust, they played at the Broomhill Heritage Open Day within the pool complex. As summer turns to autumn, the band will be working on some new pieces, some of which are being created by members of the band themselves. We are also looking for some new members from lower down the school, so if any pupils in year 7 or 8 would like to get involved, come along to the music department after school on a Tuesday.



ITFC Football tickets

Ipswich Town Football Club have offered Westbourne Sports College students the opportunity to buy reduced price tickets for the following games:-

Ipswich Town V Brighton & Hove Albion Saturday 1st October 2011 3:00pm

Ipswich Town V Reading Saturday 26th November 2011 3:00pm

Ipswich Town V Derby County Saturday 17th December 2011 3:00pm

The prices will be £3 per child. If you are interested please see Mr Melton in B2 for further details.

The school day

Staff and students are all getting used to our new three period day. The longer lessons allow staff to go into much greater detail and extend the learning opportunities for the students. We have been delighted with the start and our visits to classrooms and our conversations with staff and students has shown a very positive response about the change to the day. We are listening to the constructive criticisms and feeding them back to staff so that they can plan their lessons ever more effectively.

08.40 - 08.50	Registration
08.50 - 10.30	Lesson 1
10.30 - 10.50	BREAK
10.50 - 12.30	Lesson 2
12.30 - 13.10	Lunchtime
13.10 - 14.50	Lesson 3
14.50 - 15.05	Our official school day ends at 3.05, and therefore students can be detained until 3.05 without notice.

Term Dates 2011/2012

Staff Training (PD) Days

Tuesday 3rd January 2012

Friday 9th March 2012

Monday 23rd July 2012

Autumn Term 2011

Monday 5th September 2011 - Friday 16th December 2011

Half term holiday

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2011

Christmas holiday

Monday 19th December 2011 - Monday 2nd January 2012

Spring Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2012 - Friday 30th March 2012

Half term Holiday

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2012

Easter Holiday

Monday 2nd April - Friday 13th April 2012

Summer Term

Monday 16th April - Monday 23rd July 2012

Half term Holiday

Monday 4th June - Friday 8th June 2012

Attendance/Absence Reminder

If your child is too unwell to come to school please call the Attendance Office on the morning of EVERY DAY they are absent from school, on **01473 466145**. This prevents our Attendance staff making unnecessary calls home to you.

If you child has a medical or other appointment please give as much advance notice to the Attendance Office as you can by calling **01473 466145**.
Thank you

Form Tutors for this academic year are listed below. If you need to contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year please telephone the main school switchboard and ask the Receptionist to leave a message for them. They will then return your call as soon as they are available. You can also contact our Student Managers, Mrs Anderson for years 7 and 8, Mrs Banks for years 9 and 10 and Mrs Clarke for year 11.

Year 7 Head of Year – Ms C Salter	
7T	Mr M Foreman
7H	Mr J Burrows
7N	Mrs L Tildsley
7K	Mr A Jackson
7W	Ms S Irons
7R	Mr S Hibbert
7L	Miss L Annandale
7D	Miss G Logan

Year 8 Head of Year – Mr A Dyer	
8T	Miss L Thorpe/Mrs J Moore
8H	Mr A Hailstone
8N	Mr D Payne/Ms G Whitfield
8K	Mrs H Cook/Ms S Everett
8W	Miss L Cichy
8R	Miss P Joseph
8L	Ms M Graziani
8D	Mr S Edwards

Year 9 Head of Year – Mr R Hawkes	
9T	Mr T Wilmot
9H	Miss Tinkler/Mrs Bacik
9N	Ms S Pangasa/Mr P Cannon
9K	Miss M Abbott
9W	Ms P Hoar
9R	Mr S Melton
9L	Ms A Lawson
9D	Miss A Leggett

Year 10 Head of Year – Mr K Roche	
10T	Mr M Emmanuel
10H	Miss C Moore
10N	Mrs A Brown
10K	Mr A Mapp
10W	Mr J Breedt
10R	Mrs Z McKane
10L	Mrs C Allen / Ms K Hurrell
10D	Ms V Askham

Year 11 Head of Year – Mr M Ismay	
11T	Mrs A Hutchinson
11H	Mrs Z Potter
11N	Mr T Abbott
11K	Mrs T Marrable
11W	Ms J Browne
11R	Ms P Walter
11L	Mr A Smith
11D	Miss C Stringer

Summer School 2011

For the last five years Westbourne has held a Summer School for the most able students in Years 6-8. This year our sixth Summer School ran throughout the first two weeks of the holidays and our theme this year was 'Challenge'.

Mr Ismay, Mr Hailstone, Mr Forbes, Mrs Cook and I were joined by 45 incredible students who made the whole Summer School experience the best ever! Not only did we have team building activities, an introduction to first aid, a London Underground themed treasure hunt and enough puzzles and pizza to make both your brain and belly ache, we also had a number of days which were simply unforgettable. Firstly, Mr Hailstone's Economic Challenge day where students were mining for gold, oil and platinum, while at the same time, paying the price for any environmental damage that occurred to their country. Secondly, our day at the Thorpe Woodlands activity centre saw us attempting to scale climbing walls, wobbling on the high ropes, trying to solve incredibly difficult team challenges and laughing when canoes capsized rather spectacularly in the cold, dark river. In addition to this students also pushed themselves to the limits during our 'I'm a Celebrity' day. We had blind food tasting, creepy crawly and snake holding and a menu of BBQ worm crisps, thai curry crickets and chocolate covered giant toasted ants - delicious! Finally, on their penultimate day, the students hosted a Family Day during which 140 of their friends and family were set challenges that the students themselves had designed. They were also treated to a 3 course meal which was again produced and served by the students. It was a truly sensational day and the work that the students put into it was outstanding.

Summer School was a great success this year and this was down to the efforts and hard work of all the staff and students involved. A special thank you should also go to our mentors from Year 9 and 10 (Louis Godden, Andrei Seymour-Howell, Adrian Gilson, Jade Anderson, Tara Schafer, Connor Grimwood and Alice Startup) who each gave up two weeks of their holiday to help and support the younger students. Summer School 2011 was fantastic and we can't wait for the next one!



As a reward for their exemplary attendance, attitude, behaviour and conduct in school during the Summer Term 2011, a record number of over 500 students received letters of invitation to another one of the college's rewards trips. At 7.30am on the first day of the holidays, 353 excited students and accompanying staff climbed aboard their coaches and set off. The weather was unbelievably hot and the rides were truly awesome. Nerves of steel and a cast iron stomach were definitely in order. "Another fantastic day! The students were all brilliant and a real pleasure to be with", said Mrs Cook, Assistant Headteacher.

Congratulations to all our students who received a rewards invitation last term. You know you are are. Well done!

Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) - Help for Parents



Westbourne Sports College in conjunction with Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Borough Council will be hosting a number of courses to help parents meet the challenges of raising teenagers.

- Triple P allows parents to choose techniques that work best for them and their families. Strategies may be helpful in a range of common problems.
- Triple P helps you to help your teenager to gain skills they need to gain independence and looks at influences on teenagers and how to strengthen your relationship with them.
- We will look at ways to help children learn self control and to make good decisions and help you plan to manage more risky behaviour.

COURSE DATES:

Tuesday 4th October 2011 - 9:30am-11:30am
Tuesday 11th October 2011 - 9:30am-11:30am
Tuesday 18th October 2011 - 9:30am-11:30am
Tuesday 1st November 2011 - 9:30am-11:30am
Tuesday 8th November 2011 - Telephone Session
Tuesday 15th November 2011 - Telephone Session
Tuesday 22nd November 2011 - Telephone Session
Tuesday 29th November 2011 - 9:30am-11:30am.

If you would like to book a place or want further information please contact:-

Ali Cuckow (Family Support Worker) 07850 901422

Or

Carole Williams (Senior Parenting Practitioner) 07921 941620

Water Bottles

Students are allowed to drink fresh water (but not squash, juice, fizzy drinks etc) from a clear sports bottle or any other bottle with a sports cap, at any time (during science lessons you must ask your teachers permission first for safety reasons). Students are not allowed out of lessons to fill up water bottles, or to be late because of this. Students are expected to use the water coolers and water bottles responsibly.

Plastic drinks bottles are for sale for £1 from the Payments Office.

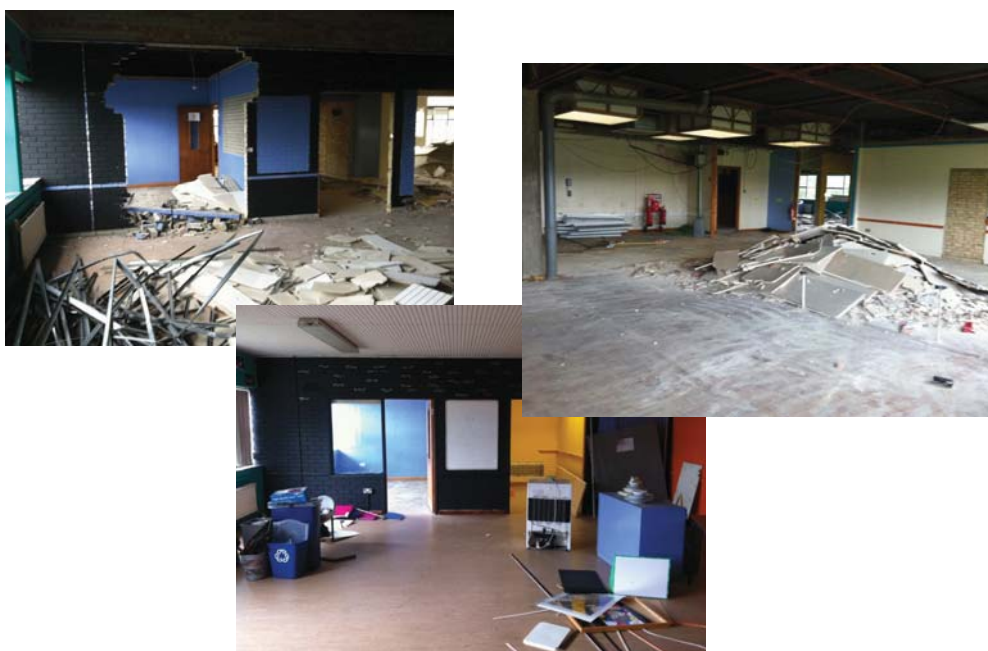
New Music Rooms

As you may now know we have been remodelling the old Sixth Form area of S block and making it into a brand new area for the music department. It took the whole of the summer holidays to complete the project and the builders and site staff were working round the clock to ensure everything was finished for the start of term.

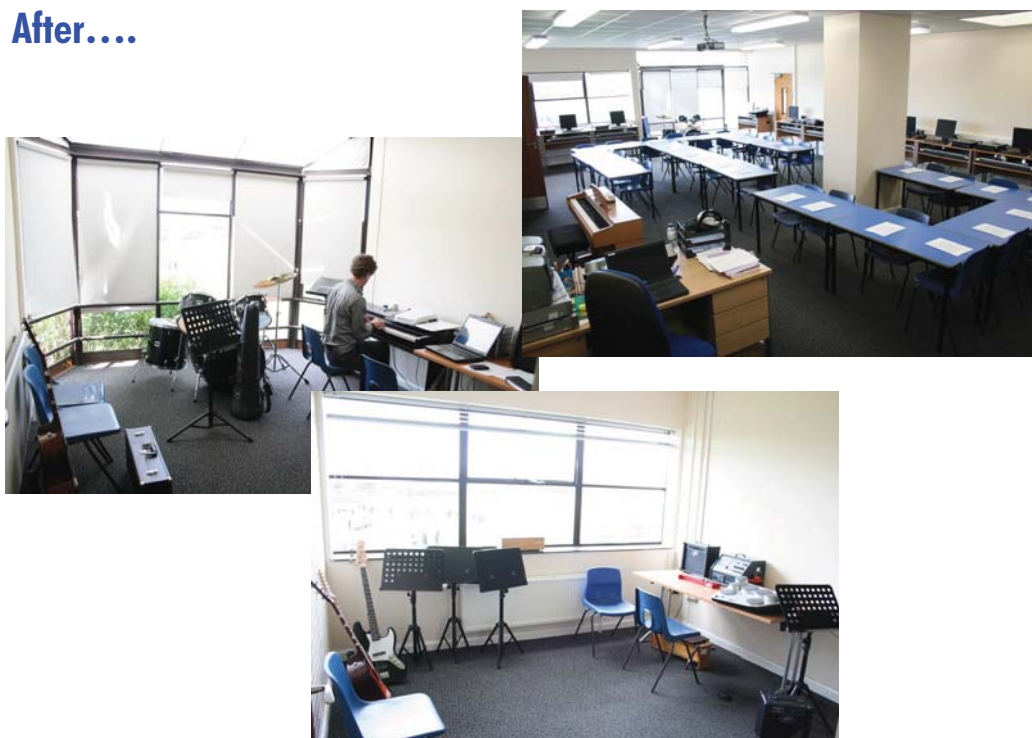
We have created a new Music Suite with a separate entrance area, two sound-proofed classrooms, three new practice rooms (also used for 1-1 music tuition), and instrument storage.

We are sure the students will enjoy and make use of these fantastic new facilities.

Before....



After....



Years 7, 8 and 9

As our lunch time is only 40 minutes long we do not expect students in years 7, 8 and 9 to leave school premises. If there is an exceptional reason for your son/daughter to be out of school during the lunch time please contact Mr Edwards and he will consider issuing a lunch pass to them.

Years 10 and 11

If your son/daughter is in year 10 or 11 they may leave school premises at lunchtime but only to go home for lunch and **they must have a valid lunch pass.** Lunch passes are not issued as a pass for students to use the local shops or other businesses, they are solely for students to go home and we would remind you that in giving permission for your child to go home for lunch you are assuming full parental responsibility for them and as such are responsible for their behaviour and actions. Any student found acting inappropriately will have their lunch pass withdrawn. Please ask your son/daughter to collect a lunch pass application from student services if you wish them to go home for lunch.

CARAT Awards (Council Award Really Amazing Teachers)

Following a meeting with Mr Edwards the School Council were given the task of finding a way to recognise and award the really amazing things that members of staff do at Westbourne. Much of last year we focused on rewarding students, this year with the one of the College's main focuses being on the quality of learning and teaching, we would like students to recognise the really amazing work that goes on in classrooms and lessons. The inaugural CARAT awards were presented to four members of staff in the end of term assembly in July. These awards were voted for by the School Council but from September 2011 the whole student body will be invited to vote. The first four members of staff to receive awards were:-

Mrs Browne - *'She treats us like adults, she is funny and 'mixes it up' in her lessons. She listens to and values what students say to her.'*

Miss Stringer - *'She is so kind. She makes so much effort to get to know you and really cares. She never rushes her lessons, she is very creative, she is lovely and always helps.'*

Mr Mapp - *'He makes every lesson enjoyable. He's not just a teacher who stands at the front of the classroom and talks, he uses his real life experience to help us.'*

Mr Talmadge (Special Lifetime Achievement Award!) - *'He is absolute quality! He always makes time for his students and is always there when you need him. He brings what he's done and where he's been to his lessons and has lots of wisdom to pass on. He has so much time and respect for us and we have so much respect for him. We will all miss him so much when he leaves.'*

Further details on how to vote will be given to students shortly.

Key Dates

- **Thursday 13th October—Open Evening**
- **24th-28th October—Half Term**

Contact Westbourne News

If you would like us to include anything in the Westbourne News please email to Westbourne.news@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk.



Extra-Curricular Activities Programme

Autumn Term 2011

	Lunch 12.30 - 1.00pm	After School 3.00 - 4.00pm
Monday	Fitness Suite: Girls : Y9, 10 & 11 (Miss Annandale)	Art Coursework Club: Years 10 & 11 C25 at 2.50pm (Miss Thorpe)
	Singing Club: All Years Music Room 1 (Ms Hurrell)	Fitness Suite: All Years (Miss Annandale)
	Sports Hall Activities: Y7 (Mrs McKane)	Netball: Girls Year 7 Sports Hall (Miss Whitfield)
	Table Tennis: Y10 & 11 Girls Gym (Mr Moore)	Samba Club: All Years Music Room 1 (Mr Wilmot) Science Club: All Years Room S4 at 2.50pm (Miss Askham)
Tuesday	Discovery Club: All Years Girls Gym (Mr Moore/Mr Thorrington)	French Revision: Year 11 Room S30 at 2.50pm (Mrs Cook)
	Fitness Suite: Boys Y9, 10 & 11 (Mr Payne/Mr Hibbert)	Football: Boys Years 7, 8 & 9 Sports Field (Mr Hibbert)
	Hip Hop Dance: Girls All Years Boys Gym (Mrs McKane/Miss Clarke)	Netball: Girls Years 8 & 9 Sports Hall (Miss Annandale)
	Sports Hall Activities: Year 8 (Mr Moore)	Spanish Revision: Year 11 Room S28 at 2.50pm (Mrs Marrable)
Wednesday	Fitness Suite: Boys Years 9, 10 & 11 (Miss Annandale)	Cricket Club: All Years Sports Hall (Mr Moore/External Coach)
	Jazz Band: All Years Music Room 2 (Ms Hurrell)	Football: Girls All Years Sports Field (Miss Annandale)
	Sports Hall Activities: Year 9 Mr Payne	Trampolining: All Years Sports Hall (Mr Payne/Mr Moore)
	Table Tennis: Years 7, 8 & 9 Girls Gym (Mr Moore)	
Thursday	Brass Ensemble: All Years Music Area (Ms Hurrell)	Cast Rehearsals for Oliver Room S9 at 2.50pm (Mr Smith)
	Fitness Suite: Girls Years 9, 10 & 11 (Mr Hibbert)	
	Hip Hop Dance: Boys All Years Boys Gym (Mrs McKane/Miss Clarke)	Rugby: Years 7 & 8 Sports Field (Mr Cawston)
	Sports Hall Activities: Year 10 (Mr Payne)	Rugby: Years 10 & 11 Sports Field (Mr Hibbert)
Friday	Cricket Club: All Years Sports Hall (Mr Hibbert)	Art Coursework Club: Years 10 & 11 C25 at 2.50pm (Miss Thorpe)
	Fitness Suite: Boys Years 9, 10 & 11 (Mrs McKane)	Remember: Check the PE notice boards for team sheets and full details of this seasons football, netball & rugby fixtures after school.
	String Ensemble: All Years Music Area (Ms Hurrell)	