

Only Strings Aloud

September 2022

Ever wanted to play a string instrument and join an orchestra to play with others? Then 'Only Strings Aloud' is the place for you!

Only Strings Aloud is a repeat of a very successful music project run in previous years by Midlothian's Instrumental Music Service for P5 pupils in Midlothian that gives an opportunity to learn to play a string instrument as part of a string orchestra. Weekly sessions will take place throughout the year on Mondays from 4-5pm in Lasswade High School, starting 3 October. Each session will consist of rehearsals/classes where pupils will receive expert tuition on their own chosen instrument, on musicianship and on playing together as an orchestra, all in a fun and friendly environment!

This year-long project has been financed by *Creative Scotland* through its *Youth Music Initiative* and is free to pupils – they'll even be provided with an instrument for the duration of the project, and all the music they need!

If your child is interested in taking part, we would like to invite them to an introductory meeting at 4pm on **Monday 26 September at Lasswade High School**. You will get a chance to see and hear the instruments on offer (violin, viola and cello) and then pupils can choose which instrument they would like to be considered for. We will try to accommodate pupil's first choice of instrument, however we may find that they are more suited to one instrument than another.

We would ask that all interested pupils register their interest by email with the group leader, Miss Tracey Dance (t.dance@midlothian.education), by Wednesday 21 September.

We anticipate that this project will be very popular and although we hope to be able to give a place in the project to every child that comes, this may not be feasible if numbers are too big! You will be informed by Friday 30 September as to whether your child has been successful in gaining a place and on which instrument.

