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Dear Parent / Carer,

Banjo Construction Project, Forfar Academy

During this year's school Easter holidays I hope to offer a banjo construction project in the school's Design Technology department. The project is projected to run from Tuesday 7th April until Friday 17th April. During this time, pupils will have the opportunity to build a banjo, from scratch. Places will be limited to ten pupils so if we're oversubscribed we'll draw names from a hat.

Eligibility: This activity is open to all S2 and S3 pupils. Please note, however, that if your child has a track record of disruptive or unsafe behaviour in the department, he/she may be denied a place.

Skill level: This is a demanding project but provided your child is making good progress with practical work in the department, he/she should be able to cope with its technical aspects.

Commitment: It will take between six and nine full days of consistent effort in the school's workshops. If your child lacks staying power, then this isn't a project he/she should consider.

Cost: You will be charged for the cost of materials only; a total of £45. The school is making no charge. There will be no charge for my time either. Once you have received confirmation that your child has secured a place on the project you will receive a letter asking you to provide a cheque for this amount, made payable to the school.

Learning to play: Support / lessons may be available to pupils who have completed their banjo and subsequently wish to learn to play.

Timeline: If you wish your child to tackle this project, please return the consent slip that is attached to this letter, by Wednesday 25th February 2015. If we are oversubscribed, we'll draw names from a hat during a lunch time at school and your child will be informed there and then. He/she will then receive a letter home, requesting payment of £45. Payment should be made by Monday 9th March 2015. Failure to pay promptly may lead to your child's place being offered to another pupil. Please note that financial assistance may be available. Please contact the Rector to discuss.

Web site: Visit the project site at www.banjoworks.org to learn more. You'll find photos and recordings of completed instruments there.

Any queries: If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or email.

Yours sincerely,

