

Dear Head of Music,

As you're aware, due to the current challenging circumstances many planned events for the Summer Term have been cancelled. However Enfield Music Service have been working hard to keep our music provision going and provide as much continuity as possible for our pupils.

In view of this I'm delighted to announce that this year's Piano Competition will go ahead as planned. Whilst circumstances prevent us from having a live final, we are still determined to give our pianists their moment to shine! As a result, this year's competition will be judged via video entries. I'm therefore inviting pupils to enter by submitting a video. Parents/carers will need to make a video of their child playing a piece. These videos will first be viewed by EMS to produce a shortlist of finalists, and then forwarded to Ivana Gavric (this year's judge) to choose the winners and runners up.

There will be prizes of £50 for the winners, £10 for the runners-up, and £100 for each of the winning schools. However, as a special treat, **all pianists** who reach the final shortlist will win a place to take part in a masterclass with Ivana Gavric. The date for this will be arranged once things return to normal and we are able to have an event in the Dugdale Theatre.

The competition will have three categories:

Primary School Grades 2-3 Primary School Grades 4 and above Secondary School Pupils

The minimum entry requirement is Grade 2.

Video entries should be submitted to **paula.warren@enfieldmusicservice.org**. via '**We Transfer**' which is a free service that allows you to send a video of up to 2 GB in size. This service can be found by typing 'We Transfer' into a search engine. Videos **should not** be sent directly to my e-mail address as the videos will be too big.

Entry forms should be completed and returned directly to my e-mail address.

Both entry forms and videos need to be submitted by Sunday 21st June.

Please could you forward the attached 'Information for Parents' and entry form to all pupils you think should enter. Please encourage them all to practise and take part. As this is a schools' competition, under normal circumstances schools usually send their entries to EMS. However due to school closures and also the video submission element to this year's competition, parents/carers will need to submit their entries themselves.

Thank you in advance for your help with this. I look forward to hearing your pupils play! I wish you the best of luck and hope that your school is successful in this year's competition.

Kind regards,

Paula Warren.