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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Modulo Programme 2021 Online Sessions – Online, every Wednesday, 17.00-18.00

What is the Modulo Programme?

Your child has joined a national music programme called the Modulo Programme, with their school music ensemble. The programme is run by national youth music charity, Orchestras for All – www.orchestrasforall.org.

Modulo gives your child an opportunity to play as part of an orchestra, in school, online and, later in the academic year, at inspiring concert venues or online with young people from all over the UK (Covid restriction-dependent). Your child's Modulo group will also receive support from one of three world-class UK orchestras, including BBC Philharmonic, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and City of London Sinfonia.

What's happening?

Every Wednesday from 17.00-18.00 we are running online rehearsals for all Modulo students from across the country. During the sessions, our team of friendly professional musicians will be leading musical activities based on the Modulo repertoire, Spoitoresa and Purcell's Rondo from the Abdelazer Suite, getting everyone ready for the online Modulo Meet in March. This Modulo Meet in March is a full day session for all Modulo members and they will take part with their school groups – on the day we will rehearse together and perform online! You will hear more about these Modulo Meet days from your Music teacher soon.

The weekly sessions start on **Wednesday 27 January, 17.00-18.00** and will take place every Wednesday up to and including **Wednesday 3 March**. These will take place online via Zoom.

What do they need?

- Your child does not need to prepare anything before the sessions.
- To take part in the session, they will need access to an internet-connected device, and a quiet space so that they can access Zoom.
- If they have their instrument to hand, they should bring this along to the session. However, no worries if they don't have their instrument – they will still be fully involved in the activities!
- Please get in touch with us if you have any concerns or barriers to your child accessing the session at modulo@orchestrasforall.org.

How do they sign up?

Please ask your child to complete this Google form to sign up for the session:

<https://forms.gle/H86ASobBy5YC9kLW8>

There is a section for you to complete too, to give your consent for your child to take part. Their teacher will also have emailed this to them.

Accessing activities safely

Below are some Safeguarding guidelines to help ensure that your child is safe using Zoom. Further information is available [here](#). All staff involved in Modulo activities have been DBS checked. All Zoom meetings will be monitored by the OFA staff team. Your child's teacher is aware that the session is taking place.

Prior to all online Modulo activity please ensure that you:

- Are aware of the date, time and content of the activity

- Have talked through how the online activity will work with your child to ensure they are happy to participate
- Are aware of **where** your child will access the online activity (i.e. a Zoom or YouTube link)
- Are aware of **how** your child will access the online activity (e.g. laptop / smartphone / tablet)
- Know how to contact the OFA team and your child's teacher if you have a question or concern (modulo@orchestrasforall.org)
- Have ensured your child has a safe working space, appropriate for online music-making activity.
- Have ensured your child is dressed appropriately
- Have ensured the area behind your child where they will be on camera is as neutral as possible and does not display personal or intimate items, offensive images or words, or personal information such as home address or school details
- Have discussed with your child the importance of following the instructions of the session leader and behaving professionally, as they would in school
- Have discussed the consequences for your child if they do not behave professionally or deliberately disrupt the session.

Media Consent

Orchestras for All will record the session to ensure safeguarding and we may also share the session via a private link with schools signed up to the programme, so that anyone unable to join the live session can see what happened.

We will take screenshots of the session to share on social media to celebrate the activity.

Please get in touch with us if you would prefer for your child to not be recorded or their photo to be shared on social media.

We hope your child can be involved in this exciting and unique project to bring together young musicians from across the UK.

Yours faithfully,

Myffy Dymond

Modulo Programme Manager, Orchestras for All