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Recorder Festival

Dear Headteacher

I would like to thank your school for taking part in the 2016 Recorder Festival held at the Victoria Hall on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 March. This was the largest festival to date with over 700 young recorder players taking part in 3 performances with a representation from 37 schools. The City Youth Recorder Ensemble played at the evening performance and I was delighted to welcome back our guest soloist Anna Bradburn.

Firstly, a huge thank you must go to the hardworking and dedicated music teachers who prepared their pupils so well. The Festival would not be possible without their support and expertise. I thought that the pupils were exceptionally prepared. I would also like to thank other members of staff who came along to support and supervise the young people on the day.

Secondly, I would like to thank parents for supporting their children in their music making. For some of the pupils this is just the start of their musical journey. I hope that Anna Bradburn our guest soloist inspired and motivated them. Anna is a great success story for recorder playing in Stoke!

Finally of course, my biggest thanks and congratulations go to the pupils who took part. The recorder playing was fantastic and the behaviour was excellent. Well done to those schools who were brave enough to take a solo slot too. All the young players at the Festival had obviously worked very hard. You should be proud of them. Please pass on my congratulations and I hope to see them again next year.

Thank you for supporting music and recorder playing in your school.

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