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Dear Parent/Carer,

SVC/VIVA Rock School Opportunity – funded by Youth Music

Has your child always wanted to play in a band/group? Is your child already in a band/group but would benefit from some professional support and tutoring? Does your child just love performing with others and wants a new challenge?

We are so excited to be able to announce that we have had funding from Youth Music to launch a brand new 'Rock School' project here at Soham Village College, in collaboration with VIVA Theatre. We will be able to offer up to 30 students the opportunity to attend a 2-hour 'Rock School' session each week (after school) at Soham Village College, led by a professional instrumental teacher and performer. The students will become 'bands' or ensembles, and will rehearse regularly, working towards a gig at the VIVA Theatre three times a year, with professional lighting/sound and an audience of 100. There will also be the opportunity to learn more about the lighting/sound aspect of putting on a 'gig'. The best thing is - all of this is free of charge!

If this is something of interest to your child then please complete the 'expression of interest' form using the link below. All forms must be submitted by **Friday 26 Sept.**

<https://forms.gle/TSryiQ1UnLe73EX29>

Please note, we expect there to be exceptionally high levels of interest in this project and there are limited spaces so we will be looking for the following type of student:

- happy to work with others
- passionate about music
- plays an instrument/sings
- able to commit to weekly 2-hour rehearsal sessions after school (3-5pm, day TBC)
- excellent attitude to learning
- confident and keen to perform in front of an audience

If you have any questions about this project, or would like more information, please email me at gerry@soham-college.org.uk.

Many thanks,

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