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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 5 August in respect of the work of the Music Services Task and Finish Group and the methodology utilised in compiling its report. You also asked for my views on the petition P-04-637 "To Protect the Future of Youth Music in Wales".

Following the publication of the report of the Music Services Task and Finish Group in June, I am allowing time for stakeholders to digest the report and will be responding to the recommendations after recess, in the autumn term.

Details of the methodology used, terms of reference for the group, key tasks and membership are included in the report.

A link to the report is attached:

<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/publications/wagreviews/music-services-task-and-finish-group-report/?lang=en>

As outlined to you in my correspondence earlier this year, I am committed to improving opportunities for the arts in our schools through our 5-year plan *Creative Learning through the Arts - An Action Plan for Wales*.

The Arts and Education programme, to be developed later this year, will enable schools to draw on the knowledge and practice of artists and arts/cultural organisations to enhance and complement the teaching of the arts in schools and provide arts and cultural experiences for learners, both within and outside the curriculum.

Yours sincerely

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