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Dear Peredur,

P-06-1455 Protect the junior departments of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from closure

At our meeting on Monday 24 June, the Committee agreed to write highlighting this petition to the Finance Committee, so that it could be given consideration during your deliberations on next year's budget which traditionally takes place at the end of the summer term. It is not the only recent petition seeking to protect funding for culture – the Petitions Committee led a debate on funding to the National Library and Amgueddfa Cymru on 26 June. (**P-06-1437 Increase, don't cut, funding for the National Library, Amgueddfa Cymru and the Royal Commission**)

I have copied this letter to the Culture Committee for information, as I am aware that they are also following this issue closely.

If you have any queries, please contact the Committee clerking team.

Yours Sincerely,



Jack Sargeant

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

cc Delyth Jewell MS, CHair, Culture Committee

Annex 1

P-06-1455 Protect the junior departments of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from closure

Petitioner:

Rebecca Totterdell

Petition text:

Protect the junior departments of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from closure

The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama has provided a junior music and acting programme to students aged from 4 to 18 for the past 25 years. The school currently sees around 300 talented young people through its doors each weekend, and many of those are on bursaries. It is the only such provision in Wales.

Due to financial difficulties the RWCMD is being forced to consult on closing the Young Acting and Young Music programmes at the end of this term.

More details

If the closure goes ahead, the RWCMD will be the only Royal School of Music without a junior department.

10,560 signatures

