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Sir Keith O'Nions
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Dear Sir Keith,

Inspire is the Music Education Hub Lead Organisation for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham and is contracted to deliver the local music education plan by the Department for Education. We also provide the music teaching service across Nottinghamshire and work with thousands of young people in the arts, music and broader creative sector.

Inspire Music, has a long running partnership with the University of Nottingham Music Department in ensuring your aims to widening participation in higher education for young people who come from more deprived areas of Nottinghamshire.

Recently your Music department facilitated an event for the Nottinghamshire Music Hub's Inspiring Musical Talent programme, which gave the opportunity for young people coming from areas of multiple deprivation experience the diverse musical culture of the Department. Young people from Inspire were involved in music production, composition, and performance events and experienced various talks during the day.

Opening the doors of the Department to young people and showing that it is an environment where no matter what your background may be is an important opportunity for our young people. Giving aspiration and supporting progression into higher education is a key role of our music hub and services, to which our local University is a key part.

We have recently been informed of the proposed suspension of music teaching at the University of Nottingham. As this is a proposal, and as a partner of the music department we want to register our concern about the loss of a key provider of music education in our region and would welcome further consideration and consultation before a final decision is made.

If you require further information of the work we undertake with the department and the valuable contribution it makes to the regions music education system do come back to us, and we would be happy to provide more examples.

Yours sincerely

Peter Gaw
Chief Executive Officer

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