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Dear Nicola,

Re: Ma Music Therapy Bursaries report for academic year 2020-21

Thank you very much for your previous communication and for enabling us to apply for funds for our current student cohort on the MA Music Therapy course at the University of Derby.

As requested, I would like to detail how our students used the funds that they were kindly given by The Music Therapy Charity.

Our cohort were able to use their bursaries in a variety of ways; some choosing to subsidise travel expenses for placements, others using the money to help with resources such as books and musical instruments, and some putting their funds towards the cost of personal therapy. All students were incredibly grateful to receive a generous donation from The Music Therapy charity and it somewhat eased some of the financial burden associated with the training. I would like to include some quotes and will keep them anonymous to maintain confidentiality:

“The monies that I received were gratefully received as this allowed me to continue to be in personal therapy through the course. This also helped me purchase a collection of percussion instruments that I am still using and work great with younger children.”

“I spent most of the money on personal therapy, where I was able to reflect on my journey as a therapist and unpack emotions surrounding my placement and studies. I also used the money to pay for my travelling to and from placement as I don’t have a car and it would have been too far to walk with instruments.”

“The bursary enabled me to purchase two small Yamaha THR portable guitar amplifiers (eBay), one seagull dulcimer (Amazon) and various percussion; carnival drum, ocean drum, shakers.”

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmly,
Ellie



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