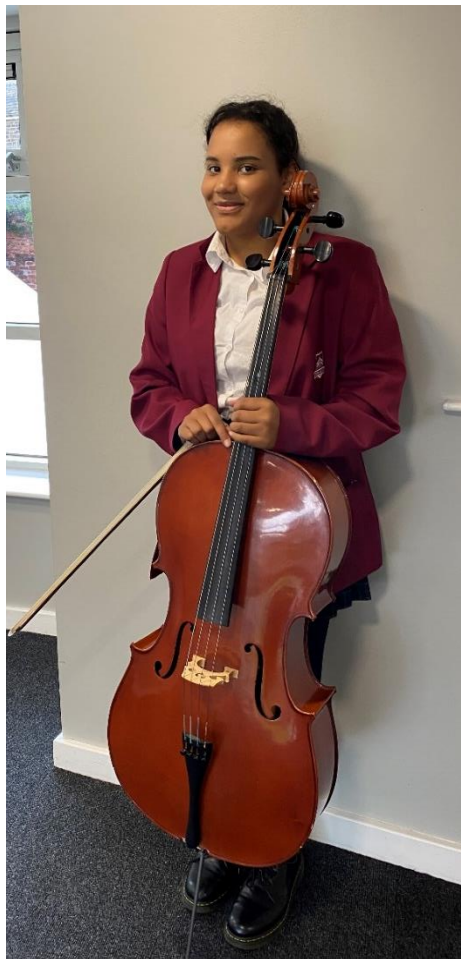


Esme plays her way to the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra



We have enjoyed hearing Esme play the cello at school over the last few years, recently she passed an audition to become a member of the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra (CLYO). This is a fantastic achievement as the CLYO is a group of young orchestral musicians who play at the highest standard. Their conductor is Dougie Scarfe and they play the full range of symphonic repertoire, performing regularly in venues such as Leeds Town Hall.

For her audition Esme played *Dance Caprice* by Christopher Bunting and *Sonata in E minor* by Romberg. She is currently working towards her Grade 6 with her teacher from Gateways, Joanna Heaton, who we also warmly congratulate.

We are so proud of Esme's talent and dedication and it will be exciting to follow the next steps of her musical career. Personally, the cello is my favourite musical instrument and I have asked Esme to let me know when her concerts are going to be; I can't wait to see a live classical concert again, especially if Esme is playing! Well done, Esme!

Mrs Fiona Wilson