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16th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Applying for Instrumental or Vocal Tuition 2023-24

The Music staff are supported by a team of fifteen peripatetic instrumental teachers. The cost of music lessons in September will be £264 per term for 11 half hour individual lessons and £176 per term for 11 twenty-minute individual lessons. Charges are reviewed annually.

Once students are of a suitable standard, they will be expected to play or sing in the school bands and choirs. Students may, if they wish, be entered for practical or theory examinations.

In order to avoid students missing too much of any one timetabled school lesson, instrumental lesson times are changed each week whenever possible. Some lessons are held during lunch breaks or mid-morning breaks. Times are displayed on the notice board in the faculty, and parents/carers should encourage students to check there regularly.

Students are expected to attend all music lessons and to inform their instrumental tutor or myself as soon as they know of any problems and in any case at least a week before. Credits cannot be given for a student's non-attendance at a scheduled instrumental lesson for whatever reason. Instrumental teachers are under no obligation to make up lessons missed (unless due to their own absence) but will endeavour to re-arrange a lesson time if given sufficient notice.

One half-term's notice is required to discontinue lessons, otherwise a half-term's fee will be charged in lieu.

Some of our teachers are employed through Hertfordshire Music Service and some are employed privately by the school. As such there is a slightly different registration procedure for HMS staff which involves you registering directly with them. Please click on the relevant link below **according to the instrument/voice** on which you wish your child to receive tuition and the link will either take you directly to HMS to register or to a google form which will be managed directly by us.

















Voice: Click here

Violin or viola: Click here

Cello or double bass: Click here

Trumpet, trombone, horn or tuba: Click <u>here</u> Flute, clarinet or saxophone: Click <u>here</u>

Bassoon or oboe: Click here

Drum kit: Click <u>here</u>
Acoustic guitar: Click here

Electric or bass guitar: Click here

Piano: Click here

Once a place has been confirmed, payment will be requested either by ParentPay or directly via Herts Music Service.

Financial support is available for some pupils and families in the academic year 2023-24 via Herts Music Service. Full details of this are available here.

When students start in September, full details of the date and time of their first lesson will be communicated directly with them.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Stothard

Director of Learning: Music