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Dear Families,

Applying for Instrumental or Vocal Tuition 2024-25

The Music Faculty is supported by a team of peripatetic instrumental teachers that deliver 20- or 30-minute individual music lessons during the school day. We are proud to be able to offer lessons in singing and on a wide range of instruments.

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.

To sign up with HMS for lessons in voice, strings, brass, oboe, piano, electric guitar or drum kit and for information on their fees, click [here](#). Herts Music Service will then be in touch directly with details on invoices, start times and dates. Financial support is available for some pupils and families in the academic year 2024-25 via Herts Music Service. Full details of this are available [here](#).

To sign up for woodwind or acoustic guitar with Sandringham School directly, please click [here](#). The school bills termly using ParentPay in 11 lesson blocks. It is £275 per term for 30-minute lessons and £187 per term for 20-minute lessons. Charges are reviewed annually.

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

To avoid students missing too much of any one timetabled school lesson, 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 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.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Stothard
Director of Learning: Music

