



May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Instrumental Lessons & Ensembles

The Music Department would like to take this opportunity to inform you about instrumental music lessons here in school.

The Department's classroom teaching staff is supported by an outstanding peripatetic instrumental team of 13 tutors who offer tuition on many instruments – Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Trumpet, Cornet, Baritone, Trombone, Tuba, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Percussion, Oboe, Voice, Bassoon. Please note that lessons on other instruments are also available.

It is important to please note that instrumental music lessons are timetabled on rotation **during lesson periods within the school day**. The time for each pupil's tuition varies every week in order to avoid repeated absence from the same subject. It is the responsibility of all pupils to ensure they catch up on any class work or homework that has been set in the lesson they have missed.

The instrumental music teacher will be available for a minimum of 34 lessons over the academic year and tuition is given weekly in 30 minute sessions. We do not advise pupils who are taking private instrumental tuition to also take lessons on the same instrument within school, however, any pupil taking private instrumental tuition outside of school is welcome to join a school ensemble if they wish, at no cost.

Cost & Payment of Lessons – The Governors of Canon Slade School have agreed to subsidise the cost of Instrumental lessons here in school and parents/carers, therefore, benefit from this by paying a reduced tuition fee.

Piano	£12.50/30 mins	£141.67/term
Other instruments and vocal	£10.00/30 mins	£113.33/term
Guaranteed one to one lesson	£12.50/30 mins	£141.67/term
Music GCSE/A Level students - Piano	£6.50/30 mins	£73.67/term
Music GCSE/A Level students - Other instruments and vocal	£5.00/30 mins	£56.67/term
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Free School Meal students – Piano	£3.50/30 mins	£39.67/term
Free School Meal students – Other instruments and vocal	£2.50/30 mins	£28.33/term

Music Contract - The Music Department operates a 'Music Contract' system for all pupils who receive subsidised instrumental music lessons in school. Therefore, it is a condition of receiving these lessons that parents and pupils sign a Music Contract every September. It is important to ensure that your child's Music Contract is returned to their instrumental music teacher promptly once their lessons begin at the start of the Autumn term

(or promptly following the commencement of lessons at any point during the year) as it is the school's policy to suspend your child's lessons until this has been received.

Ensembles - All pupils who receive instrumental tuition here in school will also join one of our ensembles, at no cost to parents/carers, in accordance with the level of their musical ability. Being part of an ensemble is an important element of each child's musical progression and it is, therefore, obligatory that each pupil participates in one of our ensembles, which is at no additional cost to parents/carers.

Our extra-curricular music programme of ensembles includes Concert Band, four wind and brass bands, two string orchestras, three choirs and a number of smaller ensembles which are all held during lunch times throughout the school week.

School Concerts - As part of their ensemble, each pupil must perform in 2 out of the 3 main concerts during the school year. All Pupils must perform in the Christmas Concert. Pupils who are members of senior ensembles must perform in the Senior Gala Concert and pupils involved with junior ensembles must perform in the Junior Showcase Concert. Failure to attend any of the concerts will lead to your child being withdrawn from lessons without reimbursement, at the discretion of the Head of Department.

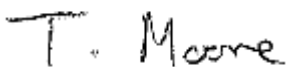
If your child is successful in securing music lessons, the dates of these concerts will be on the Music Contract of agreement which must be signed by you and your child and returned to your child's instrumental music teacher.

Next Steps – Please complete and then email the attached Request to Start Music Lessons sheet to Mrs S McDermott at smd@canon-slade.bolton.sch.uk or, alternatively, post it back to school, ensuring that you mark it for the attention of Mrs S McDermott, Student Services (Rooms B7-B8), **no later than the end of the school day on Friday, 26 June 2020**. We will aim to contact you either by email or telephone in order to advise whether your child has been successful in securing lessons.

If you have any questions with regard to the information contained within this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Music Department here in school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Mr T Moore
Head of Music

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