



Wednesday, 23 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: Music lessons for incoming Year 7 students**

At Sydenham School we pride ourselves on delivering exceptional Performing Arts provision. Through our extracurricular programme, regular events and lessons students are encouraged to actively participate in the Arts as they progress through the school. As part of our Music provision there is also the opportunity to sign up for individual (or small group) instrumental and vocal lessons with one of our visiting Peripatetic music teachers. Lessons are in high demand, therefore we ask the families of our incoming Year 7 cohort to complete a short [survey](#) to express their interest.

Please note that expression of interest does **not** confirm that lessons have been allocated. Lesson slots arise as students further up the school decide that they no longer wish to have lessons or leave to move onto their next stage of learning.

At present we have confirmed spaces on Voice, Brass, Strings, Saxophone, Drums, Flute. We also offer lessons on Piano & Guitar. You can register your interest in these instruments on the form [here](#).

Details of provision and costs are outlined below.

### **Peri lessons at Sydenham**

Students will receive one lesson per week (25 minutes). Lessons take place during the school day and timetables work on a rotation basis. This to limit the number of academic lessons missed across a term. Most instruments are available to hire (free of charge), or students can use their own.

### **Protected areas:**

**Instrument hire is free** and we do **not** charge for extracurricular clubs such as; Swing Band, Orchestra, Samba, Choir etc.

The Performing Arts are an extremely important aspect of student development and it remains a high priority for the school to widen provision across the Arts. **We would not want cost to become a barrier to your child's involvement in Music at Sydenham School.** Students in receipt of **Free School Meals** will be exempt from charges and students who have received FSM in the past 6 years will be charged at a reduced rate of 40%. Cost is calculated across a full academic term where your child will receive (on average) 10 lessons, as some terms are longer than others the precise number of lessons per term may vary.



### The cost of music lessons for individual tuition at Sydenham School.

Fees from September 2021 for a term of (approximately) **10 lessons** for all individual instrumental lessons at school can be found overleaf:

Instrument	Individual lesson
<b>Individual – 25 minute lessons</b> Woodwind, strings, drums, guitar, drums, singing, piano, brass etc.	<b>£137 per term</b> <b>(£13.70 per lesson on average)</b>
<b>Shared – 25 minute lessons</b> Woodwind, strings, drums, guitar, singing, brass etc.	<b>½ rate for 2 sharing - £68.50</b> <b>(£6.85 per lesson on average)</b>
Students in receipt of <b>Pupil Premium</b> – individual 25 minutes	<b>£53.50</b> per term (£5.35 per lesson, on average)
Students in receipt of <b>Free School Meals</b> – individual 25 minutes	<b>Free</b>
Hire/maintenance of instrument Extracurricular clubs e.g. Samba, choir, jazz band	Free

We look forward to meeting you at one of our events soon, be that virtually or in person.

Yours Sincerely

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