

Our ref: HFN/SWD/Music Department letter

16 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Fantastic opportunities from the Music Department!

Giving our children the chance to try out different experiences is what all parents want, whether it be visiting new places, trying out new skills or getting involved with new activities. They are all important in building aspirations and helping make new friends. The Music Department is able to provide a variety of enriching opportunities, that could be life-changing!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our Extra-Curricular club offering was included within the student bulletin this week. It has been lovely to see pupils attending clubs. All lunchtime clubs are available free of charge and your son/daughter can just turn up and try them out. If your son/daughter is already learning an instrument and would like to join Concert Band please ask them to come along to A1 on a Thursday lunchtime. We are currently playing a wide variety of exciting music, available for all abilities whether beginner or advanced.

Instrumental Tuition

We have an abundance of visiting instrumental teachers. For Brass, Violin and Woodwind lessons we are delighted to be able to offer a scholarship scheme which provides the lessons at a significant reduction. If your son/daughter is interested in learning drum kit, piano, guitar, singing or cello please email Mrs Frean directly at h.frean@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk. If your child is in receipt of free school meals they may be eligible for free group lessons. We also have instruments available to hire.

We run a Steel Pan Band, delivered by Sussex Steel. Please see the details on the flyer, also included in the student bulletin this week. To join the Band there is a termly fee, approximately £4.50 per weekly session. The payment for this club is arranged through Sussex Steel.

Free Taster Sessions

We will also be offering free taster sessions for trombone, trumpet, tenor horn, baritone, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, cello and double bass. There are limited spaces available and these will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. Please reserve your space by emailing me, stating which instrument your son or daughter would like to try. Or your son/daughter can sign up on the yellow poster which can be found on the wall outside A1. After two free taster sessions lessons will be available at approximately £6 per lesson, invoiced by the school.

For piano, singing and guitar tuition please drop me an email so I can forward to our visiting teachers.

If your son or daughter wishes to learn an instrument that I have not mentioned please do let me know and I will do my best to find a teacher!

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I appreciate I have given out a lot of information in this letter, if you would like further clarification, or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on h.frean@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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