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Expression of Interest – Instrumental lessons

Dear Parent,

The Music department is able to offer 1:1 instrumental lessons, delivered on a weekly basis for 20 minutes by highly qualified and experienced instrumental specialists. We currently have access to tutors who can deliver lessons on the flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, recorder, piano, trumpet, trombone, tuba, violin, cello, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, voice and drum kit. Instrumental lessons are a commitment and students should expect to practise the instrument for at least 15 minutes five times a week (as a beginner).

Lessons are charged at a cost of **£10** per 20 minute lesson, per instrument the student is studying. The Academy is committed to keeping the cost of lessons as low as possible. We access tutors both through Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and our own external arrangements. In line with Local Authority guidelines, some families may qualify for the reduced-rate remission scheme. This applies to parents of children who currently **qualify for Free School Meals**. If you believe you qualify for reduced rates, please indicate this on the reply slip below. The reduced cost will be applied to the first instrument the student is studying and will be charged at £5 per 20 minute. **Please note:** *If a student wishes to study a second instrument the full cost will be chargeable i.e. £10 per lesson.*

New for 2019/2020:

- For students of Grade 5 standard and above, the Academy is offering the opportunity to undertake 30 minute lessons at a cost of £15.00 per lesson.
- In the past, we have only offered 1:1 instrumental provision however this academic year we will be offering the option for paired lessons in Guitar and Singing, for beginner level students. As well as supporting less confident students, this option has the added benefit of being more affordable as each student would contribute to the charge.

During the course of their instrumental studies, some students will benefit from additional ABRSM Music Theory qualifications; their readiness for these will be determined by their teacher. For all students who are ready to enter Music Theory exams, the school will pay for those entries from the exams budget (previously chargeable to all parents). We will continue to offer hire of our own instruments free of charge. If there is a charge to hire LCC instruments we will discuss and agree this with you at the time.

Please return the reply slip to Mrs Noble as soon as possible if you would like to express an interest in your child receiving instrumental lessons. Returns will be dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis. It is not possible to *guarantee* students a place immediately, so if a place is not available straight away they will be placed on a waiting list. When a place is available students will be given a policy and contract to be signed by parents before their lessons may start.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Noble

Head of Music

Reply slip – return to Mrs Noble in the Music department

Re: Music Lessons – Expression of Interest

Student name:Tutor group:.....

- I would like my son/daughter to receive lessons on(instrument/voice)
- I understand that a contract will be received upon a place being available and that lessons are delivered at a cost of £10 per 20 minutes (full rate) / £5 per 20 minutes (reduced rate).
- My child qualifies for Free School Meals and would like to access the reduced-rate remission scheme.
- My child is a beginner and would like to opt for paired lessons (*option available for Singing and Guitar lessons only*).



signed:

(Parent/Guardian)

Date:

