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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Musical Instrument and Voice Tuition at HMS**

If your child would like to start or to continue playing a musical instrument or learn singing, we have a wide range of music tuition available (see list on page 2). If your child has received musical instrument or voice tuition at their current school, they will be able to continue tuition on the same instrument at HMS or they may wish to start learning an instrument or voice as a beginner.

All of our peripatetic teachers are contracted on a self-employed basis and contracts are arranged between parents and the instrument teacher in advance of lessons starting. All fees are paid directly to the teacher.

You can find out specific information such as the cost of lessons once you are in touch with the relevant teacher. It is common practice for lessons to be paid termly or in blocks of ten lessons but always in advance of lessons starting. Most lessons are taught on a one-to-one basis though some teachers offer small group lessons.

Lesson times will rotate on a weekly basis to prevent pupils missing the same curriculum lesson each week. All instrument teachers provide timetables to be displayed in school and our music teachers will help all pupils with the new routines here in school. Please note that if a pupil misses a lesson, it is still chargeable; though if you give the teacher enough advance warning, they will endeavour to move the lesson time, for example: in the event of a school trip taking place.

All of our teachers are highly qualified and several perform professionally. All teach to exam standard, and all children will have the opportunity, if they wish, to take recognised examinations with exam boards such as the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music; Trinity & Guildhall; RSL.

#### **What next?**

If you would like your child to continue their tuition, or to start to play a new instrument/voice at HMS, please [complete the form on this link](#). By completing this form, you give permission for Hexham Middle School to give your contact details to the relevant music tutor to enable them to contact you directly. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk](mailto:admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk)

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**Tuition offered at HMS:**

| Teacher          | Tuition Available          | Additional Information                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mr G. Hutton     | Drums                      |                                                                     |
| Mr N. Pride      | Guitar/Bass Guitar         |                                                                     |
| Mr R. Dudley     | Guitar/Bass Guitar         |                                                                     |
| Mr C. Watson     | Singing/Piano/Music Theory |                                                                     |
| Mrs C. Caris     | Piano/Music Theory         |                                                                     |
| Mrs B. Hignett   | Singing                    |                                                                     |
| Mrs S. Roberts   | Strings                    | Violin, Viola (beginner to advanced), Cello, Double Bass (beginner) |
| Mrs A. Francomb  | Woodwind                   | Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone                                    |
| Miss A. Brierley | Brass                      | Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba             |
| Miss H. Ferrier  | Accordion                  | Instruments can be loaned                                           |
| Mrs K. Rowell    | Harp                       | Instruments can be loaned                                           |

Yours sincerely

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