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The Ferrers School

Head Teacher: Mrs Angela Smith MBA, PGCE, BSc (Hons)



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January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Instrumental Scheme Renewal

In case you missed my letter in December, I wanted to make sure you didn't miss the chance for your son or daughter to continue their instrumental lessons after such an exciting term of free lessons before Christmas. All of the instrumental teachers have said what a pleasure it was to teach your son or daughter and how well they've taken to the instrument. We have seen this filter through to the classroom and seen passionate young musicians with rapidly developing instrumental skills.

Now the free scheme has concluded, there is a small cost for which we would need you to contribute. We have worked very hard to make this a reasonable amount so that your son/daughter can continue this exciting opportunity to learn their instruments.

Excitingly, students can also take this time to change the instrument they're learning – they don't have to continue on the one they started or can take up a second instrument. So if they're desperate to play the piano, or want to try out the drums, now's their chance!

- There will be 20 weeks of lessons between January and July and will cost £150
- Students will stay with the same teacher unless they opt to change the instrument they learn.
- If the cost is a problem please contact me at school and I will do what I can to help including instalment payments and additional funding for pupil premium students

As a school, we are working closely with The Elizabeth Groom Music Charity (based in Higham Ferrers) and are pleased to announce that they are offering five bursaries that will provide £60 towards the cost of the lessons. Bursaries are considered with the emphasis on youth to promote, develop, support and maintain education in the appreciation of music in all its aspects.

To apply, please return the attached application form with your request to continue lessons. Please note that there are five bursaries available and all applications will be considered equally as long as the criteria below is met. If you are unsuccessful, application may still be made direct to the charity, please speak to Mr Gammon for more details.

- Student has shown good attendance to the free lessons and a positive report from the instrumental teacher
- No other financial support is being used to pay for the continuation of lessons
- Family income is below £18,000

If you know that you are eligible for pupil premium funding, please contact me at school to discuss how we are able to support you with the cost of these lessons.

We look forward to seeing your child continue to enjoy their music lessons and to develop their love of the subject. Please return the application form/s to student services by Monday 21 January.

Thank you

Mr Gammon

Music Department



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Please return to student services, clearly marked as Instrumental Scheme lesson application by
Monday 21 January 2019

Student Name:

Student Form:

Please tick the instrument they would like to continue with – if you would like to do more than one instrument tick a second box (please note the charge is per instrument and not per student)

Instrument	20 Weeks of lessons at £150
<input type="checkbox"/> Drums <input type="checkbox"/> Bass <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar <input type="checkbox"/> Ukulele <input type="checkbox"/> Piano <input type="checkbox"/> Strings (eg Violin) <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwind (eg Flute or clarinet) <input type="checkbox"/> Brass (eg trumpet or trombone) <input type="checkbox"/> Voice	<input type="checkbox"/> I will pay in one lump sum (please enclose full payment with this application) <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to pay in two instalments. £75 due by Monday 21 January 2019 , £75 due by Monday 18 February 2019 <i>If you are eligible for Pupil Premium, or would like to discuss payment terms, please contact Mr Gammon at school.</i>

Please note that we can only offer some instruments dependent on numbers being high enough

Elizabeth Groom Music Charity Application

- ☐ If you would like to apply to the EGM Charity, please fill out the attached application form and tick here to confirm you have done so

Payment Details:

Please make cheques payable to **The Ferrers School** and send in a sealed envelope to The Finance Office with your completed form.

Alternatively you can pay direct into the school bank account as follows:

Name of Bank: Lloyds Bank
 Name of Account: The Ferrers School
 Sort Code: 77.21.06
 Account Number: 25047860
 Ref: Childs Name

If paying direct into the School Bank Account you will still need to send the completed form back to The Finance Office

Signed:

Date:



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