



July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

**Instrumental music tuition** is available at King Edward VI School through the Entrust Music Service Staffordshire. We invite your son or daughter to have lessons from highly trained peripatetic music teachers and would like to outline the expectations and commitment that these lessons involve. Please can all repeated slips be returned to Student Reception by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019** and hand to the period one teacher. Lessons are open to all students at all levels including complete beginners.

Music lessons are an excellent way for students to develop their skills and understanding of music, as well as giving them the potential for a lifelong passion and opportunity for social development. The instruments available are violin, viola, cello, double bass, bassoon, oboe, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, trombone, French horn, tuba, euphonium, piano, keyboard, guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums and singing. Please note that the availability for some instruments is limited due to demand.

The charge for lessons is £275 per year. The level of fees is set by the School Governors and is well below the full cost to the school or the cost of similar tuition privately. The school heavily subsidises the cost of lessons as we believe them to be extremely important and to encourage as many students as possible to take up this opportunity. In recognition of this subsidy, each student is expected to take part regularly in one of the school ensembles (listed below). **Please indicate on the return slip which one(s) your child will be attending.** Full attendance at rehearsals and concerts will be required for the school to continue to support their instrumental tuition. It is also an excellent way to celebrate the students' success through the shared performances and concerts which showcase their skills. When registering for lessons, please discuss this requirement with your child.

Payment can be made for the whole year or termly via ParentPay, available **online from September**. If you have any problems with this, please contact the Finance Office. Lessons will not normally commence until payment is received. **If your son/daughter decide not to continue with their lessons the full year cost still needs to be paid – the music teachers are contracted for the year and their costs still need to be covered.**

We request payment in advance of the tuition beginning to ensure that your child has an allocated place. Payment is therefore due in full by Monday 16 September, or in three instalments: Monday 16 September 2019 at £92, Monday 13 January 2020 at £92 and Monday 20 April 2020 at £91. **Please complete and return the reply slip to the Student Reception as soon as possible.** If your circumstances are such that you feel you may qualify for some reduction in charges, please contact the Finance Department to discuss this.

Ensembles (provisional list)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
String Group	Junior Guitar Ensemble	Keyboard Ensemble	Senior Choir	Fuse Ensemble
Percussion Ensemble	Selective Girls' Choir/ Chamber Choir	Junior Choir	Brass Ensemble	Guitar Ensemble
	Flute Choir	3.45pm Orchestra	3.45pm Jazz Band	

Lessons last for 20 minutes and in the earlier stages are usually taken in pairs or small groups. When working for higher grades, individual lessons are usually available. Lessons take place during the school day and are rotated so as to minimise time out of other subjects. It must be stressed that it is the student's responsibility to catch up work that they miss in other subjects. Attendance at lessons is also the student's responsibility; if they miss a lesson it is not possible to rearrange. If, however, the teacher is away then the lesson will be made up on another day. Where a student's attendance to their lesson falls below 90%, their attendance will be carefully monitored for the following half-term. If it does not improve then they risk losing their entitlement to subsidised or free lessons. Parents would then be contacted about either stopping the lessons or bearing the full cost.

**Security and storage of instruments in school:**

The school does not accept liability for damage to or loss of instruments in school. Students who bring their instruments to school for lessons may decide to leave them in the store cupboard for that day only at their own risk. Instruments should not be left overnight both for security reasons and because students should be practicing daily at home. It should be noted that the Bailey Building is let to other organisations at evenings and weekends, so cannot be supervised at all times.

Yours sincerely



**I Jamieson**  
**Head of Music**



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**Please return this reply slip to Student Reception along with the other completed forms**

I would like my son/daughter..... New Intake Year 6 to Year 7  
to have .....(*instrument*) lessons.

- **I understand that my commitment is to pay for the whole year of lessons, even if my son/daughter decides to give them up;**
- I understand and support the expectations set out in this letter that my son/daughter will attend lessons, school groups and to practise;
- I am aware that lessons cannot start until payment has been received;
- My child will attend (name of ensemble) ..... regularly.

I will make payment of £275

I will make three payments termly as advised

**My son/daughter is studying music GCSE/A level (no charge for first instrument)**

**Signed:** ..... **Print Name:** ..... **Date:** .....

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