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Secondary – Instrumental Lessons

Dear parent/carers

I am delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument or to undertake singing lessons within the school. These lessons are delivered by peripatetic music teachers available to us at Hessle High School. To encourage participation in these lessons, school Governors have agreed to continue offering financial support and so these lessons are subsidised by the school.

Music lessons are available in the following disciplines:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drums
- Voice
- Upper Strings
- Lower Strings
- Woodwind
- Brass

Lessons last for 30 minutes and take place during the school day. Lesson times will change regularly to avoid coinciding with the same academic lesson. A timetable for lessons will be displayed outside the music rooms and it is the student's responsibility to look at the timetable to know what time to attend each week.

The cost of lessons will be £85 per term and this sum must be paid at the start of each school term i.e. 1 September 2025 for the Autumn Term, 1 January 2026 for the Spring term and 1 April 2026 for the Summer Term.

Where possible, lessons will be offered in small groups to keep costs as affordable as possible for families. When lessons are shared, we will aim to group students by similar ability levels to ensure everyone makes good progress.

This cost is significantly subsidised by the school to bring this opportunity to as many children as possible. However, to reduce the financial risk to the school, if you have a balance outstanding from a previous term, the next term's lessons will be unable to go ahead until the balance is paid.

We are pleased to confirm that your child will be guaranteed a minimum of 30 lessons per year. This would cover any missed sessions due to bank holidays or illness and align with the terms and conditions of our contract with East Riding Music Services.

We would also appreciate it if you could let us know in advance if your child will be absent for a lesson (for example, a school trip). Lessons missed with no warning cannot usually be made up and will not be refunded. In the event of the teacher's absence, the lesson will be rescheduled.

I hope you agree that this is a terrific opportunity for our students and encourage you to discuss this with your child.

The music teachers are engaged on a termly basis and therefore, if you wish to cease your child's music lessons, we require at least one half-term's notice (approximately six weeks). Cancellation within that period will, unfortunately, incur a further charge. For example, to cease lessons at the end of:

- Autumn Term (Christmas break) please give notice by October half term
- Spring Term (Easter break) please give notice by February half term
- Summer Term (Summer break) please give notice by May half term.

Should you purchase your child an instrument, it is advisable that you ensure it is covered by insurance (usually your home insurance) in case of damage or theft on school property. The school cannot accept responsibility for any musical instruments left in school and we do not have insurance which covers privately owned or hired instruments.

Performing to a live audience is extremely beneficial to any musician. We hope that many instrumentalists and singers will wish to participate in concerts throughout the school year.

If you wish for your child to benefit from the music lessons, please complete and submit this form by clicking [here](#). Payment can be made via the Arbor parent portal once your details have been submitted. To do this, please log into the portal and search for Activities/Trips. By making this payment, you are consenting to your child attending these music lessons.

If you have not yet activated your parent portal, please click [here](#)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A Webb', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Mrs A Webb
Head of Performing Arts