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Dear Parents and Carers,

Booking instrumental and vocal lessons for 2025/2026

The Olympus Academy Trust wholeheartedly supports any student who wishes to learn a musical instrument, firmly believing that this will help to develop their general listening skills, coordination and motor control, self-confidence, personal responsibility and social interaction, as well as their general enjoyment of music.

We are delighted to be able to offer instrumental lessons from September from a range of highly experienced, talented and enthusiastic instrumental teachers.

Key Information

Lessons:

There will be 30 lessons per academic year, usually 10 lessons per two terms. The lesson will last for either 15, 20 or 30 minutes depending on number of students, ability, preference on either group and individual lessons and budget. Lesson times will rotate where possible in a cycle so that students do not have the same school academic lesson each week, or sometimes a fixed lesson before or after school, if possible, and priority is given to Key Stage 4/5. This will also depend on the total number of students per teacher.

Group Size

Lessons will be delivered either as an individual, in a pair or in a group (up to four) - assuming that there are enough students wishing to learn the same instrument at the same level.

Invoices

Invoices will be issued directly by West of England Music Hub or the independent tutors.

Timetabling

Times will be posted on the music noticeboard. It is students' responsibility to check these times and to politely excuse themselves from school lessons to attend. Timetables will also be issued via email to students and parents at the start of every two terms. If your child is unable to attend the lessons, for whatever reason, it is important that instrumental teachers are notified as soon as possible. It is up to the instrumental teacher whether this timetabled lesson is rescheduled, depending on reason and notice period given.

Grants and Support

The school will be able to provide support towards the cost of music lessons if your child is in receipt of free school meals.

Instruments
Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there is a wide range of wind instruments that can be hired from the school for a fee of £10.00 per month. A separate 'Instrumental Hire' form is available on request. Additionally, the Music Hub can hire out instruments. Details are available at http://www.integramusic.co.uk/getinvolved/hire/

If you would like your child to have lessons in either acoustic guitar, electric guitar, electric bass, drums, piano or vocals then please contact one of the following independent Music Tutors:

- Guitars & Bass: James Arbery - james@jamesarbery.co.uk
- Drums: Barney Sage - barneysage@yahoo.com
- Piano: Tracey Oughton - musicalmomentstracey@gmail.com
- Singing: Katie Brake - katie.brake@yahoo.co.uk

Email the teacher you are interested in for the most up to date lesson fees and lesson availability.

What to do if you would like to learn an orchestral instrument in school

For the following instruments, please book lessons online with West of England Music at http://www.wema.org.uk/register

- Woodwind: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone
- Brass: Trumpet/Cornet, French/Tenor Horn, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium Tuba
- Strings: Violin, Cello, Double Bass

Lessons are charged at £82 for 10 Group lessons, £163 for 10 x 20 minute lessons and £244 for 10 x 30 minute lessons.

If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons, the Wema Hub or the independent Music Tutor will be your direct contact regarding timetabling and invoices. They will also let you know if they need to reschedule a lesson for whatever reason and keep you up to date with your child's progress. Any questions or issues you may have with regards to your child's lessons should be addressed directly with the Music Hub or the Tutor.

If you have any queries or questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We would encourage you to book lessons with the relevant teacher as soon as possible so teachers' hours and timetables can be allocated. Please be aware there may be waiting lists for some teachers.

King regards,

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