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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Music Tuition at Wildern school

We are delighted to offer all Year 7 students three exciting musical opportunities this September, the details of which are outlined below.

Subsidised instrumental tuition opportunity

At Wildern School, such is our commitment and belief in the benefits of learning a musical instrument, this September, we endeavour for all children in Year 7 to learn an instrument. For one half term, we are offering all of Year 7 the fantastic opportunity to have **six instrumental lessons** and **loan of an instrument** to practise at home, for an incredible **£10 only**. To put this in context, the cost of a half term's tuition alone would normally be upwards of £60 in addition to the cost of hiring or buying an instrument.

Each lesson is 30 minutes and taught in groups of 6, taking place during the school day. The instrument lessons provided in this scheme are **offered as a taster to an instrument and not one that the student is already playing**.

The instruments offered are below:

- **Brass:** Cornet/ trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, Euphonium and Tuba
- **Strings:** Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass
- **Woodwind:** Clarinet, Flute, Alto Saxophone, Oboe and Bassoon.

To ensure this is open to all students, including those who already play one of the instruments above, below there are suggestions as to which instrument would be suitable to learn in addition.

Current instrument being learnt	Recommended alternatives	Additional learning outcomes	Potential barriers to avoid
Trumpet Tenor horn Tuba French horn	Any string instrument	Application of a new technique New clef (if moving to/from bass or treble)	Brass players should not switch between instruments of different mouthpiece size.
Euphonium/ Trombone	Trombone/ Euphonium	Application of existing knowledge to new technique / clef	Trombone and Euphonium have the same size mouthpiece, allowing students to play both.

Flute Clarinet Oboe Bassoon	Alto Saxophone Tenor Saxophone Oboe Bassoon Any string instrument	Application of existing knowledge to a new instrument. Some with the same finger system. New clef (if moving to/away from bass or treble)	It Is preferable for double reed players to not play another type of double reed instrument.
Strings	Any woodwind or brass Violin players can also play viola	Application of existing knowledge to a new instrument. New clef (if moving to/away from bass, treble or alto).	

If you and your child wish to take advantage of this amazing opportunity, please sign up via [this google form](#) by July 21 2023.

Learning a musical instrument/singing with the Wildern Music Academy

Should your child wish to continue learning an instrument they have been learning at primary school or wish to start learning an instrument (or singing) not listed above, this is available through the Wildern Music Academy.

In addition to the instruments listed above, currently the school offers the following sessions:

- Drum Kit
- Piano and Keyboard
- Guitar (Acoustic, Electric and Bass)
- Ukulele
- Voice

The lessons are 20 minutes in length and are paired. They are taken either by Hampshire Music Services staff or by private instructors. The cost of each term's music tuition per instrument is £125, which must be paid by 3 posted dated cheques. If you prefer to pay for a year's tuition, this should be paid either via parent pay or by cheque and the fees will be reduced to £345.

If you wish to find out more please use [this google form](#), where you can also sign up to start lessons in September 2023. The deadline to sign up is July 21 2023.

Rock 2 the Beat- band musicianship

This year we have also begun a partnership with Hampshire Music Service to offer Rock 2 the Beat Music Provision, an exciting project which provides the opportunity to learn a band instrument. This is only available to Year 7, 2023-2024.

What does this involve?

- 20-minute lessons for drums, guitar, keyboard, bass and voice will take place for the first 5 weeks of each term and 40-minute band sessions for the second 5 weeks. These take place during the school day.
- Instruments will be provided for students to take home and for lessons/band sessions in school
- All teaching resources will be available for students free of charge, including a wide package of online provision comprising of backing tracks, instructional videos and technical exercises for home learning
- At the end of each term there will be a celebration concert for students to showcase their new-found skills to family and friends
- Parents will be charged directly by Hampshire Music Service at £25 per month for 11 months (no charge in August).

To find out more information and to sign up, you must do this directly through Hampshire Music Service via the following link:

www.rock2thebeat.org.uk/signup

We are very excited to be able to offer these opportunities to your children and are looking forward to hearing the music department buzzing with musical activity in September.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Thomas
Director of the Wildern Music Academy