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Dear Parent/Guardian

Spring Term Music Tuition

As you may know, learning an instrument is a strong complement to the usual school curriculum, and provides students with a fun activity that also provides a rigorous challenge. The personal development benefits of music tuition are huge, with vital transferable life skills experienced by students throughout their tuition, including building confidence, resilience, and communication skills, just to name a few.

Information on music tuition

- Music tuition can be on a variety of instruments, including all types of guitar, woodwind, piano and drums. We do not currently provide lessons on string instruments, but please contact me if you would like to enquire further on this.
- Trial lessons can be organised if your child is unsure or worried. Please contact me if you would like to take advantage of this.
- Lessons take place during the school day, with the lesson times rotating each week to avoid students missing the same lessons.
- Students will receive a reminder slip for their first lesson, and then take on the responsibility to look at the timetable noticeboard opposite the Drama Studio each week to check on their 'new' rotated lesson time.

New student registration

Music Tuition is managed by Essex Music Service (an Essex County Council organisation), and all students wishing to take up lessons should register by visiting here:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1548#/courselist/25>

Registrations will need to be made by **Friday 24 November**, with lessons commencing upon payment to Essex Music Service (parents are invoiced directly by Essex Music Service using their secure payment service). **Deadline for payment is Friday 8 December**. The costs are:

- £114 for 10x20 minute Spring term individual lessons
- £171 for 10x30 minute Spring term individual lessons

Additionally, on the website, there is now an option for students to have paired lessons, therefore *halving* the termly fees above. Paired lessons can only be given once there is another student that has also registered for paired lessons. Due to this, it is possible students will have to be on a waiting list for a longer period of time until a registered paired student becomes available.

Existing students

If your child already has music tuition at Hedingham School, these lessons will automatically roll over into next term and Essex Music Service will invoice you soon to make payment. If you do not wish to continue lessons next term, please contact musiclub@essex.gov.uk.

GCSE Music students

If your child currently takes GCSE Music in Year 10 or Year 11, students will continue to receive school-funded lessons as part of their course from January. If you would like to extend their lesson from 20 mins to 30 mins, please register online using the registration link above for 30-minute lessons and Essex Music Service will invoice you the difference of £57. During the registration process, please make a comment in the box to explain this request.

Music Tuition Discounts

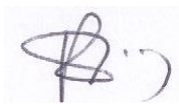
You might also wish to be aware of the [Tuition Discounts](#) that some families are eligible for, which includes free support for Looked after Children/Children in Care and for families on low income. For example, the Tuition Discount reduces the cost of a term of 20-minute lessons to £38.76.

Instrument Hire

Please also click on this hyperlink to find more on the [Instrument Hire](#) that Essex Music Services offer. Here, for a low termly fee, you can hire instruments such as electric guitars, trumpets and violins!

I understand that you may have questions on this process. For queries regarding music tuition please contact musichub@essex.gov.uk or, if school related, please contact me using the details below.

Yours sincerely



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