



# HEDDINGHAM SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am very excited to let you know that Heddingham School has been selected to take part in the pilot phase of a scheme to encourage Year 7 students to learn musical instruments that are becoming less commonly played in Essex schools. This scheme is fully funded by Essex Music Service and there is no financial cost to parents.

Lessons will be on flute or clarinet only and are designed for students of any level of experience or musical ability. They will take place in groups of three for 30 minutes each week and will be provided by the excellent instrument tutors from Essex Music Service. The scheme will last for two terms and consist of 20 lessons, which include free hire of an instrument. In the second term students will need to attend a music club, such as the school Orchestra, to support their progression on the instrument.

This scheme is a considerable financial investment in your child, and we need you to be fully aware and supportive of the scheme before signing up your child. We suggest that a beginner should be practising their instrument at home regularly at least 15 minutes, 5 times a week. Students will need to take their instrument home and transport it to school for lessons and ensemble rehearsals.

If you would like your child to take part, please register using the Microsoft Form below by **Monday 6 January 2025**.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qPr373A2JEmt6YBaKt\\_TT9cOrwGKRV5Jmnd4VetiFlpUOFIQS00xNE9PTEE4VlhBSE1JU1Q5Wjk3MSQIQCNjPTEu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qPr373A2JEmt6YBaKt_TT9cOrwGKRV5Jmnd4VetiFlpUOFIQS00xNE9PTEE4VlhBSE1JU1Q5Wjk3MSQIQCNjPTEu)

Applications are limited to 12 students and are on a first-come-first-serve basis. The Form will be monitored and if 12 applications are reached, any remaining will be put on a waiting list. If your child is one of these remaining applications, a notification will be sent to you and your child in the new year indicating this.

Once registered, to speed up the process, please also head to:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration#/instrumenthire>

This is where you will be able register for the free instrument hire and will ensure that the instrument will be available for use from the first lesson. When hiring the instrument please select the offered instrument that you wish for your child to learn to play (only flute or clarinet) as this is the instrument that is fully funded. When asked about payment please select 'Endangered Instruments Application'.

Lessons are expected to start on **Friday 10 January 2025** and so please pencil this in on your more information will be sent to the students nearer the time.

If you have any problems with the application, please contact [music.service@essex.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@essex.gov.uk) or telephone 0333 0138953 to complete the application over the phone.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the following email address: [hed.cullr@heddingham.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hed.cullr@heddingham.essex.sch.uk)

Kind regards

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