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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Music Department offers group and individual instrumental lessons through the Music Service and private instrumental teachers. A form is attached with details of this. If your son or daughter is interested in learning an instrument then please complete the enclosed *Music Tuition registration and Contract* form and return it in September to Reception by **Friday 10th September 2021**. Payment needs to be made by ParentPay by 3.00pm on **Friday 17th September 2021**.

Please note that instrumental lessons happen during the school day and are timetabled so that students come out of their class lessons for between 20 to 30 minutes to attend their instrumental lesson in the Music Department. Instrumental lessons are on a rota so that students do not miss the same class lesson too frequently. However, students do need to take responsibility for catching up on missed work with the support of their teachers. It is not possible for students in years 7-10 to have fixed lessons before school, in breaks or lunch times in order to have a fair rotation on the timetables. Lots of children learn an instrument at St. Wilfrid's and teaching staff are very supportive of this system.

The instrumental timetables are on display in the Music Department and are shared with form tutors. Pupils need to be proactive in checking the time of their lesson each week and make their own way to their lesson. They will not be collected by the teacher. Their form teacher and Music teacher will be able to support them. There will also be copies of the timetables at reception so please telephone the school if there is any doubt about the lesson time.

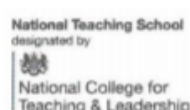
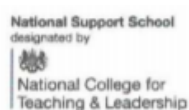
Current COVID restrictions have suspended much of our extracurricular programme, but we will restart our clubs and rehearsals as soon as we can safely. We run a large extracurricular programme, which offers all students the opportunity to get involved in Music outside of curriculum time. We have a Junior Choir, Chamber Choir, Steel Pan Band, Orchestra, Junior Orchestra and worship bands at lunch times, before and after school and all of these are free. Students will be given more details about these at the start of term.

Pupils who have brass, woodwind or string lessons through the Music Service are required to attend orchestra rehearsals and to perform at school events once these are running again. The school is subsidising the cost of these instrumental lessons and therefore, all students are expected to contribute to the musical life of the school.

If you have any queries about the music programmes we offer please contact the school reception.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Watson
Acting Head of Music



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Fees that apply to the Autumn Term 2021

All fees listed below are for one term of tuition.

Brass, Woodwind & Strings

Brass: Tuba, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass

Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone

- It is expected that pupils learning one of the above instruments, play in the school Orchestra on a Wednesday 3:15-3:45 (or 4:30 if staying for Senior Orchestra). This is free of charge and is a fun learning opportunity. The school heavily subsidises the cost of these instrumental lessons and expects pupils to further their learning and support the school by attending orchestra, in return for this subsidy. We will inform pupils when this is running again.
- Tuition and instrument hire are provided by South Tyneside Music Service who charge the school per hour. A parental contribution is required as detailed below.
- Students may be taught in individual or group lessons depending on their instrument and ability. The instrumental teachers ensure that longer lessons are given to those who are learning in a group or if it is beneficial due to them working at a higher standard.

• **Tuition Only – £37**

• **Tuition & Instrument Hire - £48**

Drums, Piano, Singing & Guitar

- Tuition is provided by a private teacher who charges the school per hour
- Individual Lesson (20 minutes per week)

• **£107 (10 lessons)**

Music Tuition Registration & Contract

St Wilfrid's R.C. College

Please complete and return the attached music tuition registration form & contract.

Section A: Pupil Details

Name: _____ DoB: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

My child is entitled to Free School Meals (tick/cross)

Section B: Tuition Information

I wish to register my child for instrumental / vocal tuition.

Instrument (including voice) choice: _____

I wish to register for instrument hire (Brass, woodwind and strings only – NOT guitar)

Section C: Payment

I will pay by ParentPay online.

Section D: Signature of Parent / Guardian

Please tick the boxes and sign below.

I confirm that I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions governing instrumental/ vocal tuition lessons and instrumental hire.

I confirm that I agree with the amount, including any charges for instrumental hire if applicable.

I understand that fees will continue to be charged each term until I contact the school four weeks prior to the end of term in writing to cancel lessons.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print full name: _____

Terms and Conditions

1. All pupils must be registered for instrumental lessons and attend school ensembles and performance events.
2. St Wilfrid's RC College will offer a minimum of 24 lessons over the academic year.
3. These terms and conditions refer to all brass, woodwind, violin, cello, double bass, piano, singing, guitar and drum lessons at St Wilfrid's RC College.
4. Failure to pay fees by the due date will result in your child's lessons being suspended until payment is received.
5. If your child is unable to attend a lesson due to exclusion or any reason outside the control of the school (i.e. external trips, absence, forgetting to attend, forgotten instrument) this will count towards the offered lessons.
6. It is the responsibility of the student to check their lesson time and attend their lesson at the correct time.
7. To cancel your lessons, confirm in writing with one month notice before the end of the current term. Fees for the current term will not be refunded even if your child does not attend lessons.
8. Any changes to the instrumental fees will be notified in writing two months before the start of the new term in which the fees apply.

School Ensembles

Membership of the Orchestra or choir is free and every pupil who has instrumental or vocal tuition is required to attend rehearsals and to perform at school events. The school is subsidising the cost of instrumental lessons and therefore, all students are expected to contribute to the musical life of the school.

If any student is unable to attend regular rehearsals, reasons must be provided by parents in writing to Mrs Watson (Head of Music). A decision will then be made on whether the school is willing to subsidise lessons for any individuals who this applies to.

| Ensemble | Rehearsal Time | Students to Attend |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Junior Orchestra | Wednesdays 3.10-3.45pm | All beginner Year 7- 9 brass, woodwind and strings |
| Orchestra | Wednesdays 3.10-4.30 | All brass, woodwind and string players |
| Junior Choir | TBC | All Year 7-8 singers |
| Chamber Choir | TBC | Advanced singers in Year 9-13 and staff |
| Guitar Club | TBC | All guitar/bass and ukulele players |
| Steel Band | TBC | Anyone in Year 7-8 |
| Junior Worship Band | TBC | All band instrument players/singers in Year 7-8 |
| Function Band | TBC | Advanced band players Year 9-13 |

Fees that apply to the Spring term 2021 for students entitled to Free School Meals

All fees listed below are for one term of tuition.

Brass, Woodwind & Strings

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Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass

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- **Tuition Only – £12**
- **Tuition & Instrument Hire - £16**

Support with fees may be available for the instrument below for pupils entitled to Free School Meals who are also taking GCSE and A Level Music. Please contact your Head of House.

Drums, Piano, Singing & Guitar

- Tuition is provided by a private teacher who charges the school per hour
- Individual Lesson (20 minutes per week)

- **£107 (10 lessons)**