



# BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

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## **NEW STARTERS – ERSMS INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS** **parental letter & online sign-up 2023-24**

*Beverley High has a long tradition of providing high quality subsidised instrumental tuition in partnership with the **ERSMS (East Riding Schools' Music Service)**. We know that learning an instrument develops **self-discipline, self-esteem, social skills and happiness**. Our pupils' musical development continues to be valued and supported by the wider school.*

### **NEW STARTERS (waiting list)**

- Lessons on particular instruments will depend upon their availability and there may be a waiting list for some.
- There are **usually spare slots for brass, cello, double bass and percussion**.
- If you would like your child to start/go on the waiting list please paste/type this link into your browser. If a place becomes available the ERSMS instrumental teacher will email your child with details of when and where to go.
- <https://forms.office.com/r/5bSZaXJD0u>
- Once you have completed the school's online sign-up form a member of our admin team will alert the ERSMS and the instrument/voice teacher to provide them with your email address and your child's name, form and school email address.
- The ERSMS instrument/voice teacher will let your child know when a space is available and they will inform you of the ERSMS online registration process. The teacher will let our finance team know when the lessons begin so that the school can add the charge for lessons to your Parent Pay account.

### **Cost (Parental Contribution) and How/When to Pay**

The governing body continues to support the school's significant subsidy of ERSMS tuition (approximately 40%) but the school cannot provide it without the parental contribution.

- *If your child receives PUPIL PREMIUM (Ever 6 entitlement) there is no charge.*
- *If your child qualifies for PUPIL PREMIUM (Ever 6 entitlement), there is no contribution.*
- The 2023-24 parental contribution towards the cost of lessons is £228 and it is possible to spread payment across three instalments of **£76**. This is for the **PROVISION OF 30 LESSON OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE ACADEMIC YEAR**. Because of the school's subsidy, the cost to parents is in the middle range compared with other ER secondary schools and represents excellent value and convenience compared to private tuition.
- At the end of the academic year, if the ERSMS has provided fewer than 30 lesson opportunities, they will reimburse the school and we will then reimburse parents.
- **The notice period for stopping payment for lessons is ONE TERM, BY EMAIL to the SCHOOL OFFICE [office@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:office@beverleyhigh.net)**



## Lessons

Lessons remain, in the overwhelming majority of cases, **25 minutes long**. Normally, they are taught on an individual, pair or small group basis, depending on pupils' age, grade/standard and type of instrument. This is the fairest possible system as it ensures the needs of all learners can be met effectively at a cost that is sustainable. Each instrument is allocated a particular day of the week and lessons take place on a rota basis to minimise impact on the school curriculum.

## Pupils are required to:

- check their school email regularly for lesson times - *at least 24 hours before their first and subsequent lessons, the instrumental teacher will email your child with the date, time and place they need to go*
- store their instrument in the room of the instrumental teaching room/white music room store upon arrival in the morning
- take their instrument home at the end of the same day
- inform their class teacher that they need to leave their class
- set a silent 'vibrate' alarm to remind themselves of their instrumental lesson
- attend their instrumental lesson at the allocated time
- catch up on any missed class work
- find out (from a classmate or their teacher) and complete any homework
- practise at home for a minimum of 5 x 20 minutes per week

## Instrument Security

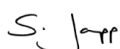
An instrument has never been stolen at Beverley High; nonetheless, all instruments, including those on hire from the ERSMS, should be covered by home insurance policies before being brought into school. Many cases look the same so your child's case should be marked with their name and form. Stickers can make cases look distinctive and help prevent an instrument being accidentally taken home by another pupil.

## Extra-Curricular Music & Performances

**All of our ERSMS instrumental pupils are strongly encouraged to develop their musicianship by making music with others during lunchtime rehearsals and in school concerts.**

Ensembles include: Choir; Chamber Choir; Junior Wind Band; Brass Ensemble; Concert Band; Advanced Wind Ensemble; Junior String Orchestra; Senior String Orchestra; Guitar Group; Rock Band; Percussion Ensemble and Keyboard Band. Concerts include the Carol Service in Beverley Minster, Junior & Senior Recital Evenings in the spring and Summer Concerts for Percussion & Piano, Singing & Strings and Wind & Brass.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher