



# BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

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## **CONTINUATION of ERSMS INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

### **Parental letter & online sign-up form 2025-26**

Beverley High provides high quality subsidised instrumental tuition in partnership with the **ERSMS (East Riding Schools' Music Service)**. We understand that your child might not be 100% sure about continuing their ERSMS instrumental lessons in Y7 but we strongly encourage them to do so. If they decide to stop lessons by the end of September, there will be no charge. We know that learning an instrument develops **cognitive skills, self-discipline, self-esteem, social skills** and **happiness**. Our students' musical development is valued and supported by the wider school and we look forward to welcoming the **continuing ERSMS** instrumental pupils. We offer:

- **Voice**
- **Percussion** (drum kit and tuned percussion)
- **Woodwind** (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon)
- **Guitar**
- **Piano & electronic keyboard**
- **Brass** (cornet, trumpet, French horn, euphonium, trombone and tuba)
- **Upper strings** (violin & viola)
- **Lower strings** (cello & double bass)

If you prefer that your child stops their **ERSMS** instrumental lessons at the end of Y6, you need to **inform the ERSMS** [schools.music@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:schools.music@eastriding.gov.uk) **as soon as possible and by the end of the day on Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>** at the latest. The ERSMS requires accurate information for the ten instrumental teachers who visit our school so they can plan the September groupings and timetables by the end of this term.

## **Signing up for CONTINUATION of ERSMS lessons**

- If your child **currently** has instrument/voice lessons with a **visiting ERSMS teacher**, please complete our online sign-up process to continue them at Beverley High. If your child has lessons with a teacher who is not from the ERSMS, and they wish to transfer to an ERSMS teacher for Y7, you may access the [different letter](#) and sign-up form in [September](#). Please see the paragraph at the bottom of this page.
- For ERSMS continuers - please read all of the information in this letter then complete the school's online sign-up/financial agreement **by the end of the day on Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>**: <https://forms.office.com/e/qrR1BZXDt>

## **Starting (or changing to) lessons with an ERSMS instrumental teacher**

If your child is not currently having lessons with an ERSMS teacher you will be able to access the **different letter and online sign-up form in September**.

- By the end of September, the 'Y6 ERSMS continuers' will be established in their lessons and our ERSMS instrumental teachers will then know how many spare places are available to take on 'New Starters'.
- Lessons on particular instruments will depend upon their availability and there may be a waiting list for some.
- There are usually more spare places for brass, cello, double bass and percussion.

## Fees

The governing body continues to support the school's subsidy of ERSMS tuition (approximately 25%) but we cannot provide it without the parental contribution, which is excellent in value and convenience compared to the cost of private tuition.

- *If your child qualifies for PUPIL PREMIUM (Ever 6 entitlement), there is no contribution.*
- **The 2025-26 the parental contribution is £300** and it is possible to spread payment across **six half-termly instalments of £50**. This is for the **PROVISION OF 30 LESSON OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE WHOLE ACADEMIC YEAR**.
- 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.
- **From October 1<sup>st</sup> the notice period for stopping lessons is ONE TERM by parent email to the school office: [office@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:office@beverleyhigh.net)**
- By October half term all 'ERSMS Continuers' and 'New Starters' should be established in lessons. We will then update **Parent Pay accounts**.

## Lessons

Lessons are **25 minutes long** and are for **individuals, pairs or small groups depending on age, grade/standard and type of instrument**. This is the fairest system as it ensures the needs of all learners are met effectively at a sustainable cost. Each instrument is allocated a specific day of the week and lessons take place on a rota to minimise impact on the curriculum.

## STUDENTS NEED TO:

1. **Check their school email account regularly** for instrumental lesson times. *At least 24 hours before the first and subsequent lessons the ERSMS teacher will email the date, time and location.*
2. Attend the instrumental lesson at the **correct time**.
3. Store their instrument in the 'instrumental teaching room' or 'music room' upon arrival in the morning and **take it home at the end of the same day**.
4. Politely inform their class teacher that they need to leave class.
5. Find out about and **catch up on missed class work and homework**.
6. **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 expected to develop their musicianship by making music with others during lunchtime rehearsals and in school concerts.**

Ensembles include: Choir; Chamber Choir; Flute Choir; Brass Ensemble; Concert Band; Reeds Ensemble; Junior Strings; Senior Strings; Guitar Group; Percussion Ensemble and Keyboard Ensemble. 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



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