



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Y7-13 NEW STARTERS – ERSMS INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS Parental letter & online sign-up form 2025-26

*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 depend upon their availability and there may be a waiting list for some.
- There are **usually more spare slots for brass, cello, double bass**.
- 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/e/hRrXTSaKHQ>
- Once you have completed the school's online sign-up form a member of our finance team will alert the ERSMS and the instrument/voice teacher and 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 also 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 subsidy of ERSMS tuition (by approximately 25%) but we cannot provide it without the parental contribution.

- *If your child receives PUPIL PREMIUM (Ever 6 entitlement) there is no charge.*
- **The 2025-26 parental contribution continues to be £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 ACADEMIC YEAR**. Because of the school's substantial subsidy, the cost to parents 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

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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 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.

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

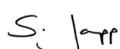
An instrument has never been stolen at Beverley High; nonetheless, all instruments, including those on hire from the ERSMS, should be covered by home insurance policies before being brought into school. Many cases look the same so your child's case should be marked with their name and form. Stickers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