



# 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 2026-27

Beverley High School subsidises the instrumental tuition provided by **visiting teachers** from the **ERSMS** (East Riding Schools' Music Service). Learning to play an instrument develops **cognition, self-discipline, self-esteem, social skills** and **happiness** and we recommend that your child continues the **ERSMS** instrumental lessons they are currently having with their **visiting ERSMS teacher** at primary school.

We understand that your child may not be 100% sure about continuing so if they decide to stop lessons before the end of September, there will be no charge. *If you prefer that your child stops their ERSMS instrumental lessons at the end of Y6 please 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 13<sup>th</sup>. They need accurate information to plan September groupings and timetables.*

Your child can continue ERSMS lessons on:

- **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 stings** (violin & viola)
- **Lower strings** (cello & double bass)

## How to Continue ERSMS lessons

If your child **currently** has lessons with a **visiting ERSMS** teacher, please complete our school's 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 note all the information in this letter and complete our school's **online sign-up/financial agreement** via [Continuation of EAST RIDING SCHOOLS' MUSIC SERVICE \(ERSMS\) INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS](#) by the end of the day on **Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## Starting (or changing to) ERSMS lessons

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 **ERSMS continuers** will be established in their lessons and our ERSMS teachers will then know how many spare places are available for 'New Starters'. Lessons on particular instruments will depend upon their availability and there may be a waiting list for some.



## Fees

The governing body continues to support our school's buy in and subsidy of ERSMS tuition but we cannot provide it without the parental contribution.

- The parental contribution is excellent value and convenience compared to private tuition and in 2026-27 it is **£360**. *It is possible to spread payment across six half-termly instalments of £60.*
- The provision is **30 lessons** (i.e. 30 ERSMS teacher visits) across the **whole academic year**.
- If your child qualifies for **Targeted FSM**, there is no parental contribution, so please encourage your child to continue their instrumental lessons if they would like. For any questions about Pupil Premium or Targeted FSM, please contact **Mrs Burniston** ([k.burniston@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:k.burniston@beverleyhigh.net)).
- **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, and we will then be able to 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 because 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 'white 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 with 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.

## Music Clubs & Performances

ERSMS instrumental pupils are encouraged to develop their skills by making music with others during lunchtime rehearsals and in school concerts. Ensembles include: Choir; Chamber Choir; Flute Choir; Brass Ensemble; Wind Ensemble; Junior Strings; Senior Strings; 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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