BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer, September 2026

Y7-13 NEW STARTERS – ERSMS INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Parental letter & online sign-up form 2026-27

Your child may wish to receive high-quality musical instrument / voice lessons during the school day. We have a long tradition of providing subsidised instrumental tuition in partnership with the ERSMS (East Riding Schools' Music Service). Learning an instrument can help to develop ***cognition***, ***self-discipline***, ***self-esteem***, ***social skills*** *and* ***happiness*** *and our students' musical development is valued and supported here.*

Voice *classical, musical theatre, jazz, pop*	*Monday*
Percussion *drum kit & tuned percussion*	*Monday*
Brass *cornet, trumpet, horn, euphonium, trombone, tuba*	*Tuesday*
Woodwind *flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon*	*Wednesday*
Piano & Electronic Keyboard *classical, musical theatre, jazz, pop*	*Thursday*
Guitar *acoustic, classical, electric & bass*	*Thursday*
Upper Stings *violin & viola*	*Friday*
Lower Strings *cello & double bass*	*Friday*

NEW STARTERS (waiting list)

- Lessons on particular instruments depend upon their availability and there may be a waiting list for some.
- If you would like your child to start/go on the waiting list please paste/type the link into your browser. When a place becomes available the ERSMS instrumental teacher will email your child with details of when and where to go.
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- Once you have completed the school's online sign-up form a member of our finance team will alert the *ERSMS* 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 additional ERSMS registration process. The teacher will also let our school's finance team know when the lessons begin so that the school can add the charge for lessons to your Parent Pay account.

Fees

The governing body continues to support our school's 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 **academic year**.
- If your child qualifies for **Targeted FSM**, there is no parental contribution. For any questions about Pupil Premium or Targeted FSM, please contact **Mrs Burniston** (k.burniston@beverleyhigh.net).
- **The notice period for stopping lessons is ONE TERM by parent email to the school office:** office@beverleyhigh.net.

Lessons

Lessons are **25 minutes long** and are for **individuals, pairs or small groups depending on age, 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. Times are **rotated** in order to minimise impact on the curriculum.

Students need to:

1. ***Check their school email account regularly*** *for lesson times.*
   At least 24 hours before the first and subsequent lessons the ERSMS teacher will email the date, time and location.
2. *Attend 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 for their instrumental lesson.*
5. ***Find out*** *about and* ***catch up*** *with all missed* ***class work*** *and* ***homework****.*
6. ***Practise*** *at home for a* ***minimum*** *of* ***5 x 20 minutes*** *every 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

Ms S Japp
Headteacher