

Dear Parents and Carers

## Musical Instrument Lessons at Nova Hreod Academy

At Nova Hreod, we have a thriving and busy Music Department. In addition to our classroom teaching staff, we have a team of visiting tutors who teach specialist instruments for individual lessons. Swindon Music Service offers lessons on the instruments listed below and the instruments scholars currently study in school are highlighted in bold italics:

| Strings:                      | Brass:      | Woodwind:              | Percussion:            | Keyboard:           | Vocals:               |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><i>Acoustic Guitar</i></b> | Cornet      | <b><i>Clarinet</i></b> | <b><i>Drum Kit</i></b> | <b><i>Piano</i></b> | <b><i>Singing</i></b> |
| <b><i>Electric Guitar</i></b> | Trumpet     | <b><i>Flute</i></b>    |                        |                     |                       |
| <b><i>Bass Guitar</i></b>     | French Horn | Saxophone              |                        |                     |                       |
| <b><i>Violin</i></b>          | Trombone    | Bassoon                |                        |                     |                       |
| Viola                         | Euphonium   | Oboe                   |                        |                     |                       |
| Cello                         | Tuba        |                        |                        |                     |                       |
| Double Bass                   |             |                        |                        |                     |                       |

Learning an instrument has been proven to benefit students in a number of ways, with academic and social advantages as well as raising self-esteem. Many of our students take grade examinations on their instrument, which can also earn them UCAS points as they get to the higher grades. There are many concerts and other opportunities throughout the school year for students to perform if they wish to.

Lessons take place throughout the school day and therefore students are expected to be able to catch up on any work missed from their classes.

Please note that peripatetic teachers require a term's notice (6 weeks) if you wish for your child to stop their lessons.

Limited subsidies are offered through Swindon Music Service on a first come first serve basis. These subsidies are reserved for students who have a Special Educational Need or Disability, those who have been on Free School Meals in recent years or Looked After Children. If you think you may be eligible for a subsidy, please do phone or email me at the school to clarify if this is the case.

For further information regarding subsidies and the price list for lesson please follow the link below:

<https://smscio.org/instrumental-vocal-lessons/>

We will also be offering violin! We have a teacher coming in on a Monday for it. Please could you use the following link for the violin:

<https://ukswindon.speedadmin.dk/registration#/course/36/0/0/6>

Please note that some terms are longer than others, for example Terms 1 & 2 (typically 12-13 weeks) are longer than Terms 3 & 4 (typically 10-11 weeks) and therefore the numbers of lessons invoiced for are likely to vary during the year.

If you would like to sign your child up for lessons, please complete and return the application by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and we will be in touch with you shortly after to get your lessons set up. Please do not send payments as all transactions will be organised through Swindon Music Service. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the normal school phone number.

Yours faithfully

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