



11th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

SPECIALIST MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL/SINGING) LESSONS AT CARDINAL POLE

Learning an instrument has many benefits to a young person. Music enhances cognitive and motor skills, instils discipline, gives much pleasure, and fosters spiritual growth. This year specialist tuition is being offered at Cardinal Pole Catholic School in piano/keyboard, strings (violin, cello), woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone), brass (trumpet, trombone), guitar, drum kit, and singing.

Students who take specialist music lessons come out of some of their normal curriculum time each week. This usually operates on a rota basis so that students do not miss the same lesson every week – though in the case of certain instruments this may not be possible. Students are generally taught in small groups.

Students in Years 9-11 who are taking GCSE music **must** study an instrument or voice and are automatically enrolled on the programme. There is no need for them to apply for lessons.

However, if your child is in Years 7-8, or is in Years 9-11 and has not chosen to take GCSE music, and would like to be given the opportunity to audition for lessons, please apply using the attached slip. **This includes students who took lessons last year.** Please note that, if your child took specialist music lessons last year, they are NOT automatically guaranteed lessons this year.

Lessons are heavily subsidised by the school; but if your child is in Years 7-8, or is in Years 9-11 and has not chosen to take GCSE music, and is selected to take specialist music lessons, **you are required to make a contribution of £30.00 per term.** This is payable at the **start** of each term and, if it not received by a set date, your child's lessons will, regrettably, be stopped.

For 2017-18 the payment deadlines are:

Autumn Term: 28 September

Spring Term: 18 January

Summer Term: 27 April

Payment should be made by cheque (payable to Cardinal Pole Catholic School) or cash, and handed in to the Main Office in Reception.

It is essential that you and your child undertake to ensure that, should they be selected for specialist music tuition, they practise at home for **at least half an hour every day** and attends their weekly music lesson **without fail.** Also, your child **must** catch up on work missed in the normal curriculum lesson that they have missed by attending the music lesson.

If you would like your child to be given the opportunity to audition for specialist music tuition (**whether or not they took it last year**), please complete the attached slip and return it to the Main Office at the school, for the attention of Dr Maxim by **Friday 15th September 2017.**

Yours faithfully,

Dr C Maxim
Head of Music





REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SPECIALIST MUSIC TUITION

Child's name _____ Form _____

I should like my child to be considered for tuition in: (*please tick NO MORE THAN TWO*)

- Piano/keyboard
- Violin
- 'Cello
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Brass (trumpet/trombone)
- Guitar
- Drum kit
- Singing

My child did / did not* study this instrument at Cardinal Pole last year.

**Please delete as appropriate*

- I understand that there is no guarantee that my child will be selected.
- I understand that, if selected, my child will be given lessons in NO MORE THAN ONE instrument.
- I understand that my child may be taught in a group with other students (one-to-one lessons are not guaranteed)
- I undertake that, if selected, I will ensure that my child practises at home for **at least half an hour every day** and attends their weekly specialist lesson **without fail**. I further undertake to ensure that my child catches up on work missed in the normal curriculum lessons that s/he misses to attend the music lessons.
- I understand that, if my child is selected, I must pay £30 per term, payable by the given deadlines, otherwise my child's lessons will be stopped.

Signature _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____

Please return this slip to the Main Office at Reception, FAO Dr Maxim, Head of Music by FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

