



5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**SPECIALIST MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL/SINGING) LESSONS AT CARDINAL POLE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 & 8**

Learning an instrument has many benefits to the 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 in piano, 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.

If your child would like to be given the opportunity to audition for lessons, please apply using the attached slip.

Please note that, if your child is in Year 8 and was taking specialist music lessons at Cardinal Pole at the end of last academic year last year, their lessons will automatically continue this year, so there is NO NEED to return the attached slip.

Lessons are heavily subsidised by the school; but if your child is selected to take specialist music lessons, **you are required to make a contribution of £30 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 2018-19 the payment deadlines are:

Autumn Term: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Spring Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Summer Term: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

From September 2018, payment for specialist music tuition must be made via your ParentPay account.

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 attend 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, please complete the attached slip and return it to the Main Office at the school, for the attention of Dr Maxim by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

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
- Violin (strings)
- 'Cello (strings)
- Flute (woodwind)
- Clarinet (woodwind)
- Saxophone (woodwind)
- Trumpet (brass)
- Trombone (brass)
- Guitar
- Drum kit
- Singing

- I understand that there is no guarantee that my child will be selected.
- 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 they miss to attend the music lessons.
- I understand that, if my child is selected, I must pay £30 per term (per instrument/voice), 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<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**