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Dear Parent/Carer

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition at Temple Moor High School

Information for Parents and Students 2021 - 2022

We would like to inform you of the opportunity we provide to learn to play a musical instrument at Temple Moor. Learning to play a musical instrument (including vocals) can be one of the most rewarding experiences a child can have and often provides them with a life-long skill and interest. There is also a lot of evidence to suggest that this kind of extensive musical study can be of great benefit in other areas of the curriculum, developing listening skills, coordination and linguistic ability. It is certainly not always easy and definitely involves a great deal of hard work, but the benefits are enormous, not least the social opportunities that are opened up.

At Temple Moor, lessons are delivered by a team of dedicated professionals who excel in their field and understand how to motivate young people to succeed. We are able to offer tuition in the following disciplines:

- Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe and bassoon)
- Brass (trumpet, trombone and euphonium)
- Drum kit and Percussion
- Guitar (acoustic, electric and bass)
- Strings (violin, viola, cello)
- Keyboard / Piano
- Vocals

Students will receive one lesson each week which may be individual or in small groups depending on the discipline. They will receive an average of 30 lessons per year.

The cost to students is £240 per year (which can be paid as £80 each term)

This works out as approximately £8 per 20 minute lesson, which is much cheaper on average than a private instrumental lesson. There are some subsidies for Pupil Premium students so please do still get in touch to check if this applies to your child.

In addition to learning an instrument, students are invited and encouraged to join our extra-curricular groups on offer at Temple Moor. We have singing groups, percussion groups, string ensemble and a school band. We will be starting these up again as soon as covid restrictions allow. Students are also more than welcome to use the departments facilities to form their own groups and can book the spaces out!



Please note that if your child gains a place on an instrument lesson, **you are agreeing to pay for the whole academic year** even if your Son / Daughter decides at some point that they do not want to continue. This is because we have to budget for the whole academic year. We will communicate with your child regarding their lesson time and location.

If you are interested in this excellent enrichment opportunity, please contact myself (Mrs Johnson) via email johnsonl@tmhs.rklt.co.uk before the Summer holidays, as this will allow me to finalise timetables for the lessons. This also means that students can begin their lesson as soon as possible in the new academic year.

Payments can be made using the school cash office (online payment method). This will be set up once you have confirmed that you want your child to take part in the lessons.

We really do hope that your child will want to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity and look forward to hearing from you in due course. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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