Interested in having music lessons?

Some further information before you enrol:

Beal High School offers a full range of instruments for your child to choose from. These include the following:

- **Strings** – Violin, Viola, Cello
- **Brass** – Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Tuba
- **Woodwind** – Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone
- **Guitar**
- **Piano**
- **Singing**
- **Drum-Kit**

We also offer a wide range of co-curricular activities in which your child can participate. These groups are essential for progress and development in instrumental and vocal studies and are all run by our talented staff within the department. Therefore if you wish to sign your child up for Instrumental or Vocal lessons, **we ask that you support them in attending an ensemble linked to their chosen instrument.** Each year we have two concerts, the Christmas and Summer concert in which all of these groups take part. See the school website for more detail.

The co-curricular activities available are:

- **String Ensemble** (Monday 1.30pm Room 2a)
- **Brass Ensemble** (Monday 1.30 Room 2b)
- **Orchestra Monday** (3.30pm Room 2b)
- **Jazz Band** (Tuesday 1.30)
- **Woodwind Ensemble** (Wednesday 1.30pm Room 89)
- **Guitar Ensemble** (Wednesday 1.30pm Room 2a)
- **Keyboard Club** (Wednesday 3.30pm 1.30 Room 2a)
- **Chamber Choir** (Years 10-13) (Thursday 1.30pm Room 2a)
- **Choir** (All years) (Friday 1.30pm Room 2a)

Further information:

- Lessons begin at the start of a term or a half-term. (Pupil premium or school supported lessons start at any point during the term)
- Lessons cost **£100** per term for an **individual** lesson and **£80** for a **shared** lesson. (No more than 2 pupils at a time)
- Lesson time is 15 minutes
- Timetable is rotational so students don’t miss more than 15 minutes of one curriculum subject per half term. It is possible to have a fixed time where applicable.
- Students who are in KS4/5 take priority. They can change their lesson times to avoid missing particular subjects or to avoid missing crucial curriculum time altogether.
- If you are concerned about the cost of lessons or your financial position changes, speak to Ms Kantor or Mrs Vaghela in the Music Department - Support is available.
Still interested in learning an instrument?

Process is as follows:

1. Your child needs to ask for a “Starting instrumental/vocal lessons” blue form, from either your music teacher or the KS3/4 music department.
2. Parent/Carer to read and sign off the Blue Form which needs to be returned to the KS3/4 Music Department.
3. The Department Assistant (Mrs A Vaghela) will send a Service Level Agreement to Parent/Carer in the post on receipt of form 1.
4. When part 2 of the Service Level Agreement Form has been completed and returned to the Music Department, the Department Assistant will then process the form. Once this has happened, parent/carers will receive a phone call to confirm your place and you will be ready to start your lessons.
5. Details of how to make payments are on the Service Level Agreement and can be made via Parentpay. Follow the link “Music instrumental and Vocal Lessons Autumn, Spring and Summer 2016-17”
6. Parent/carer to make initial payment for lessons. Deadlines of payments to be made are on the Service Level Agreement.
7. Confirmation of payments will appear on your parent pay account. Please note, the meeting of payment deadlines is essential and if regularly missed, could result in the removal of your child from the instrumental provision.

To ensure your child has a smooth start to their music lessons, the following will happen:

• The student will be informed about the time, date and venue of their music lessons. (We do not give copies of timetables to the students as they are subject to regular change and updates to accommodate student need, however, they are encouraged to write their lesson times in their planners or take photos on their phones if applicable.
• The Peripatetic staff are given copies of student timetables so they can support students attendance to lessons and collect students when they are new to the process. On occasions staff will collect or send for students if they have time. (Please note the lessons are only 15 minutes long, the school campus is large and instrumental staff do not have the time to collect students every week for their lessons as this has an impact on the start time of the next lesson. Instrumental staff are only in school once a week for a limited amount of time. Students are actively encouraged to be pro-active and independent about attending their lessons punctually)

If your child wishes to discontinue with their Instrumental/Vocal lesson, the following needs to happen:

8. All payment needs to be made and up to date in order to close off the account. See Service Level Agreement Part One Section 2: Responsibilities of parent/carer.
9. Your child will be required to bring a signed letter from home declaring they do not wish to continue.
10. If you hire your instrument from Redbridge Music Service, it needs to be returned to the Instrument Centre.
11. The Peripatetic teachers will be informed.
What if my child wishes to change to a different instrument?

Please inform the Music Department via written communication. If there is space in the desired instrument timetable, your child can start their new lesson straight away. Payment will continue as normal without disruption.

If there is not an available slot for your child, they will continue with their chosen instrument until the end of that half-term and then the Music Department will review the situation. It has been known in the past that the school has been able to request extra time from specific instrumental/vocal teachers when timetables have been full.

It is very unusual but, what if the teacher is absent?

Staff are entitled to one absence per half-term which is non-refundable. (In many cases, staff give extra time to pupils on a regular basis when their next student is late or does not turn up for the next lesson.)

What if the student is absent?

It is the student’s responsibility to check the timetables weekly so they do not miss a lesson. If lessons are missed for any reason, they are non-refundable. The student is responsible for informing the instrument teacher and department as to the reason for a missed lesson. See the Service Level Agreement detailed below:

2.5. Inform the music tuition co-ordinator of planned student absence and in the event of illness
2.6. The fee will be shown as a fixed sum per students per year and re-calculated if a student leaves or is withdrawn from music tuition. Withdrawal of students at any stage will incur a charge for the remainder of that term.

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