

## **MUSIC LETTER INFORMATION**

**Information for Music Lessons** Most of our instrumental teachers come from Hertfordshire Music Service; all are experienced professional musicians. We currently offer tuition on violin, viola, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, percussion (including drum kit), classical and electric guitar, bass guitar, voice, piano, keyboard, theory. If you require tuition on another instrument, please contact us and we can arrange that through the Music Service.

**COST** The lessons for 2025/26 are:

30-minute lesson - £27.10 per lesson

20-minute lesson - £18.45 per lesson

Please note that from September 2025, lessons will be charged as follows; Autumn Term 25 12 lessons, Spring Term 26 10 lessons and Summer Term 26 11 lessons.

Regular attendance and practice are obligatory and once committed to, lessons must be paid for until the end of the course.

**LESSON TIMES** Where possible, lessons take place during the school day but are on a rotating timetable, so students do not miss the same lesson each week. 6th Form students are taught during free periods or lunch breaks. This means it is essential that students check their timetable regularly and on the **morning of their lesson**.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR LESSONS** Contact Ms McLaughlin in the Music Office (email [music@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:music@hitchinboys.co.uk)) and ask for an application form. If an instrumental teacher has no spaces available, there will be a waiting list. Once an application form is signed by the parent/carer and the space has been accepted by the parents, it forms a legally binding contract with the school and an obligation to pay.

Please note, HMS will not give tuition to a pupil who receives lessons on the same instrument from another (non-HMS) teacher.

**COMMUNICATION WITH MUSIC TUTOR** If you wish to contact your child's instrumental/vocal teacher, please write a note in your child's practice book, asking the teacher to contact you. Alternatively, you can contact the Music Office and we shall ask the teacher to contact you directly.

**CONCERNS RELATING TO MUSIC TUITION** Please contact Ms McLaughlin directly via the Music Department, telling us your concerns and we shall deal with them as necessary, email [music@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:music@hitchinboys.co.uk)

**INSTRUMENT OWNERSHIP** It is essential that your child is able to practise for their lessons and, to that end, they need to be in possession of an instrument. If necessary, contact Ms McLaughlin in the Music Office, who can put you in touch with establishments where instruments can be hired. It is also possible to take advantage of the Assisted Purchase scheme; please contact Ms McLaughlin or Mrs Strachan.

Your child should bring their own instrument to every lesson (with the obvious exceptions of piano, keyboard and percussion). **Please note that your child's instrument is not covered by HBS insurance whilst it is in school. We advise you to ensure that it is covered on your own insurance policy.**