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Dear Families,

Applying for Instrumental or Vocal Tuition 2026-2027

The Music Faculty is supported by a team of peripatetic instrumental teachers that deliver 20 or 30 minute individual music lessons during the school day. We are proud to be able to offer lessons in singing and on a wide range of instruments.

Some of our teachers are employed through Hertfordshire Music Service (HMS) and some are employed privately by the school. As such there is a slightly different registration procedure for HMS staff which involves you registering directly with them. We are keen that cost is not a barrier to students having music lessons and each service offers financial support. For families in receipt of Free School Meals, there is financial support available so please note this in your email to HMS or the school for more detail.

To sign up with HMS for lessons in voice, strings, brass, woodwind, piano, electric guitar or drum kit and for information on their fees, click [here](#). HMS will then be in touch directly with details on invoices, start times and dates. Financial support is available for some pupils and families in the academic year 2026-27 via HMS and full details of this are available [here](#).

To sign up with Sandringham School directly for acoustic or classical guitar, please email the school at admin@sandringham.aetrust.uk The school bills termly using ParentPay in 11 lesson blocks. It is £199.98 per term for 20 minute lessons and £297.22 per term for 30 minute lessons. Charges are reviewed annually.

Once a place has been confirmed, payment will be requested either by ParentPay or directly via HMS. ParentPay is currently being set up for the year group and you will shortly receive information about this.

To avoid students missing too much of any one timetabled school lesson, lesson times are changed each week whenever possible. Some lessons are held during lunch breaks or mid-morning breaks. Times are displayed on the notice board in the Faculty.

Students are expected to attend all music lessons and to inform their instrumental tutor as soon as they know of any problems at least a week before. Credits cannot be given for a student's non-attendance at a scheduled instrumental lesson for whatever reason. Instrumental teachers are under no obligation to make up lessons missed (unless due to their own absence) but will endeavour to rearrange a lesson time if given sufficient notice. One half-term's notice is required to discontinue lessons, otherwise a half-term's fee will be charged in lieu.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Stothard
Director of Learning: Music