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Dear Parent/Carer

Information about Music Tuition at Selwood Academy 2019 - 2020

Tuition is available for the following: Cello, Double Bass, Bass Guitar, Drums, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Recorder, Guitar, Piano, Brass and Violin. Please ask if there are any other instruments your child would like to learn. If there is enough demand, lessons on other instruments could be arranged.

Peripatetic music teachers visit the school throughout the week. Pupils can have shared or individual lessons (depending on availability). Year 6, 7 & 8 pupils commencing lessons in September usually receive a maximum of 30 lessons in total during the school year. New Year 5 pupils start lessons after the October half-term break to allow them to settle into their new environment; these pupils will usually receive a total of 25 lessons. The school issues an invoice in advance of each term and lessons are paid for via ParentPay. The costs of lessons are £60.10 for shared 20 minute lessons, £109.10 for individual 20 minute lessons and £160.10 for individual 30 minute lessons per term.

Musical instruments are not loaned by Selwood Academy. If you would like to hire an instrument, this can be done direct with Somerset County Council via their website. Alternatively there are local music shops that hire instruments such as All Instruments in Westbury and Packers in Taunton. Some instruments come in different sizes so it is suggested that the child meets with Mrs Simpson, Head of Music, or the peripatetic music teacher prior to lessons starting to be advised of size before hiring an instrument. Please contact the school to arrange this if required.

Music tuition lessons are normally organised on a rotational basis and students are expected to copy up work they have missed from classroom lessons. We expect pupils to check their timetables and arrive promptly for their lessons. If your child is unable to attend their music lesson please inform the school so that the lesson can be rearranged if at all possible. In the event of a prolonged period of absence, please contact the school for information.

As you will agree in order for progress to be made, regular practise is essential. We strongly encourage parents to listen to their child play and ensure they practise regularly. We also ask that you provide your child with a music practice diary so that you can keep in contact with your child's teacher and track their progress.

If you would like to apply for lessons for your child, please request an application form in the first instance and return it to Selwood Academy. You will be informed of lesson availability soon after your application has been received. A contract and invoice will be sent in time for lessons to begin should there be any availability.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss this further please contact Selwood Academy on 01373 462798.

Yours sincerely

Selwood Academy