



# WYCHWOOD

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Music Tuition at Wychwood School

I am writing to offer your child the opportunity to receive individual instrumental / vocal lessons from September at Wychwood School. Many pupils have already been learning an instrument before they arrive at the school; for others it is a chance to try out a new instrument. The school owns several instruments, which can be hired at £35 per term. This option is often preferable to buying an instrument outright before it is clear whether your child will commit to lessons long term.

Pupils receive an average of 10 lessons per term at a cost of £35.50 per 40 minute lesson. Prices are reviewed annually. If you would like your child to start having lessons, please complete the relevant part of the online permissions form. Lessons are billed in arrears. In Years 7-9 (Remove, Inters and Lower Transits) teachers will rotate weekly which subject lessons your child misses. From Year 10 (Upper Transits) upwards, your child will be taught in a free period.

Music tuition at Wychwood is given by highly skilled experienced professionals, all of whom are fully DBS checked. They are flexible in their teaching methods and should ensure that all pupils gain enjoyment from their lessons and pleasure from their music making. They will encourage grade examinations where appropriate or guide your child through exploration of repertoire if they prefer. It is vital that your child consolidates what is learned in lessons by practising between lessons. Please encourage your child to practise. A little often is always better than a sudden surge the night before the lesson! You will receive a report on your child's progress twice a year.

Your child's weekly lesson time will be displayed on the notice board next to the practice rooms at least a week before each of their lessons. It is their responsibility to check this board and attend lessons. If they forget to attend their lesson, they will be charged. If your child is unable to attend their lesson, they **must** give a week's notice to their teacher in person to allow timetable adjustment. If your child gives less than a week's notice, they may miss out on their lesson for that week. Pupils should be particularly vigilant to tell their teacher of any school trip which will clash with their lesson time.

**If you wish to end music lessons, you are required to give a term's written notice.**

There is a lively and active music department at Wychwood, with enthusiastic staff and I hope that your child will thoroughly enjoy their music making and have a fulfilling musical life at the school. Please do come and support your child if they are performing at any concerts. We would all be delighted to see you.

Briony Walster  
Director of Music