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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Music Tuition at Wychwood School

We would encourage you to consider booking individual peripatetic music lessons for your child whilst they are at Wychwood School. We are able to facilitate lessons in the following disciplines: Piano, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, music technology, drum kit, French horn, trumpet, trombone, voice, violin, viola, cello and clarinet. If you would like to arrange a lesson on a different instrument, please contact the Director of Music, Mrs Walster, at [b.walster@wychwoodschoo.org](mailto:b.walster@wychwoodschoo.org).

Your child may have already been learning an instrument before they arrive at Wychwood but for others it is a chance to try out a new instrument. The school owns several instruments which can be hired at an additional cost of £37.50 + VAT 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.

All our instrumental teachers are professionally trained musicians and have been DBS checked by Wychwood School. Some of our peripatetic music staff are employed by the school, whilst others are self-employed. Please see the table at the bottom of the letter to identify the status of each teacher.

All lessons, with both self-employed and school employed teachers, are held at Wychwood School. Lessons take place during the school day: on rotation for pupils who are in years 7-9, and during a free period or before/after school/at lunchtime for pupils in years 10-13. Pupils receive an average of 10 lessons per term and each lesson is 40 minutes long.

To arrange or enquire about a lesson with a school employed teacher, please complete the application form below, and forward it to Mrs Walster at [b.walster@wychwoodschoo.org](mailto:b.walster@wychwoodschoo.org). The cost of lessons with school employed teachers will be added in arrears to your school bill at the end of each term.

To arrange or enquire about a lesson with a self-employed teacher, please contact them personally, using the email addresses in the table below. Payment for these lessons should be made directly to the teacher and may be required termly or half-termly in advance. The price of lessons is set individually by self-employed teachers.

Pupils learning with school employed teachers will have their lesson times displayed on the notice board next to the Maths room. 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 to allow for timetable adjustment. If your child gives less than a week's notice, they may miss out on



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their lesson for that week. Pupils should be particularly vigilant to tell their teacher about any school trip which will clash with their lesson time.

**If you wish to end music lessons with a school employed member of staff, you are required to give a term's written notice to the Director of Music.**

Pupils learning with self-employed tutors will be sent their lesson times directly via email from their teacher and will be subject to individual teacher's terms and conditions.

Name of Teacher	Instruments	Status	Lesson Price (inc VAT)	Contact Email
Chris Alchin	Piano, Guitar, Music Tech, Bass Guitar	School Employee	£38.00	<a href="mailto:b.walster@wychwoodschool.org">b.walster@wychwoodschool.org</a>
Matt Baber	Drums	Private Tutor	Available from Mr Baber	<a href="mailto:Mattbaber2000@yahoo.co.uk">Mattbaber2000@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Susan Cooke	Brass	Private Tutor	Available from Mrs Cooke	<a href="mailto:susancookemusic@gmail.com">susancookemusic@gmail.com</a>
Susanne Higgins	Voice	School Employee	£45.60	<a href="mailto:b.walster@wychwoodschool.org">b.walster@wychwoodschool.org</a>
Elizabeth Emberson	Voice	School Employee	£45.60	<a href="mailto:b.walster@wychwoodschool.org">b.walster@wychwoodschool.org</a>
Briony Walster	Strings	Private Tutor	Available from Mrs Walster	<a href="mailto:walsterbriony@gmail.com">walsterbriony@gmail.com</a>
Luke Newby-Smith	Clarinet	Private Tutor	Available from Mr Newby-Smith	<a href="mailto:lukenewbymusic@gmail.com">lukenewbymusic@gmail.com</a>
Judith Dallosso	Cello	School Employee	£45.60	<a href="mailto:b.walster@wychwoodschool.org">b.walster@wychwoodschool.org</a>

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



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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

I acknowledge receipt of the Individual Musical Tuition letter and would like my child, \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to receive \_\_\_\_\_ (instrument) lessons at Wychwood School, and to continue with their lessons until a term's written notice is given by me.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name: please print** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to pupil** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: [b.walster@wychwoodschoo.org](mailto:b.walster@wychwoodschoo.org)