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Dear Parents

MUSIC TUITION – 2020/2021

In view of the additional control measures that will need to be put in place for the provision of music tuition during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic we will only be able to offer individually taught lessons at the start of next term, provided the peripatetic staff can accommodate for your chosen instrument. Additional control measures will be put into place for brass and woodwind instrument tuition and singing lessons will initially have to be undertaken via Zoom, Office Teams or other virtual means. This will be kept under review and as the restrictions caused by Covid 19 hopefully ease further we will aim to offer group taught tuition as early as possible. Those students who have previously received group lessons will be offered individual lessons equivalent to 30 minutes every 2 weeks up to the equivalent of 16 lessons per year.

Due to continuing pressures on school finances, we have had to increase the cost for music tuition for this coming academic year to cover inflationary increases. The number of lessons provided will be 32 and the fees will still represent outstanding value at £16.59 per session for an individual lesson. This equates to the following termly charges:-

Individual	£177.00 per term
Group rate	£85.00 per term (only available for students who have previously received group lessons)

The Governing Body is continuing to subsidise the cost of tuition and the level of subsidy and costs passed on to parents will continue to be reviewed annually. If, however, parents wish to benefit from the subsidy then they must realise that students will be required by the Governors to take part in extra-curricular activities e.g. Band, School Choir, Ensembles, Workshops, Concerts, etc.

Students who study A level Music receive free music tuition for one instrument. If they wish to receive tuition for a second instrument then they will be charged at a rate of £87.00 per term for individual lessons.

Parents who are in receipt of Income Support are asked to write to me in the same way as they do for Educational Trips.

Instruments taught at present:

Strings	violin, viola, cello, double-bass
Brass	trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, euphonium
Woodwind	flute, clarinet, saxophone
Guitars	classical, electric, bass

Keyboard piano, electronic keyboard, harpsichord
Voice
Drums

A small number of instruments may be borrowed for a short period of time. This is usually no longer than one term. Please see Mrs E Flood or Mrs S Richardson for availability.

It may be useful to know that instruments can be bought through the school, free of VAT. This is a Government initiative designed to increase the number of students learning to play an instrument. There are certain conditions that have to be met to benefit from this initiative and if any parent wishes to take up this opportunity then they should again ask Mrs E Flood or Mrs S Richardson for details.

Would you please carefully read, complete, sign and date the attached form; a separate form should be completed for each instrument. **Please return the form(s) with payment to the Finance Office at the school.** Please make cheques payable to Oaklands Catholic School or pay online using the School's online payment system.

If you have any queries Mrs E Flood or Mrs S Richardson, joint Heads of Music, or the Finance Office will be happy to offer advice and can be contacted via the main school telephone number. In any event, all completed forms should be returned to the school as soon as possible and no later than 17 August 2020.

Yours sincerely



Mr Matthew Quinn
Headteacher

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INSTRUMENTAL TUITION - AT OAKLANDS

Name of Student:

Year and Form in September 2020:

Musical Instrument (please be specific regarding guitar)

Please indicate:

Complete beginner Number of years played or Current Grade

1. I hereby apply for my son/daughter to receive Instrument Tuition at Oaklands from September 2020.
2. Please note that due to the required additional Covid 19 control measures your son/daughter can only be taught as an individual. The group rate will be available for those students who have previously had group lessons (*this will be kept under review*)
3. I acknowledge that I have read the Headteacher's letter and agree to pay the total sum of £..... per term to cover payments towards the cost of Instrumental Tuition.
4. The school reviews the cost on a yearly basis.
5. I understand my son/daughter will be taught for 32 weekly ½ hour lessons throughout the year.
6. I agree to pay at the start of each term and agree that **if payment has not been received within 3 weeks of the start of the term lessons will be cancelled.**
7. I understand that if I decide to cancel the arrangements for Music Tuition I must give at least half a term's notice, otherwise I agree to pay the cost of those lessons already arranged. **Notice must be received within two weeks of the start of the half-term.** A letter outlining the reason for cancelling should be sent to the Director of Business and Finance at the school. I also understand that if my child falls ill or is unable to take lessons then I will still be liable for the payment of lessons for that term during which time an agreement must be made with the school and confirmed in writing about the ability of the child to continue lessons beyond that term.
8. I understand that tuition will go on during normal lesson times and that wherever possible a rotation of tuition times will be organised.
9. I agree that my son/daughter will attend and take part in weekly musical extra-curricular activities (e.g. Band, Choirs, Workshops, and Concerts etc). All students should be willing to be part of music ensembles such as school bands and school choir and to take part in all rehearsals if required. Failure to do so will result in music tuition being stopped.

Signature.....Date.....

Email address.....
(If school staff need to contact you regarding this application)

Please return this form to the school for the attention of the Finance Office by 17 August 2020.

Thank you.