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Date: 3 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Music Department – Instrumental / Vocal Tuition

Introduction

William Hulme's Grammar School recognizes the importance and value in learning a musical instrument and the positive impact it has upon pupil's whole school achievement.

The Music Department has a qualified staff of specialist instrumental teachers who visit the school during the week to give tuition on an individual and shared basis on a wide variety of instruments. Students have the opportunity to begin learning an instrument or continue studying an instrument.

Instruments available for tuition include:

Woodwind & Piano Mr Mark Burton	Drums & Percussion Mr Lea Mullen	Guitar & Bass Guitar Mr Ian Holland
Brass Leo Parry	Vocals Miss Alison Owens	Strings Mrs Despina Reid

Lesson Times

Lessons are in school time and are run on a rota system so that pupils do not miss the same time and the same lesson every week. Experience has proved that this causes no detriment to the pupil's general progress, which is closely monitored. Wherever possible, lunchtime and out of school hours lessons will be reserved for pupils in year 11 and 13. **All pupils are issued with an orange music card with the time of each lesson and the instrumental teacher fills it in on a weekly basis.**

Lesson Fees & Invoices

Lessons will be invoiced in the first lesson at the start of the (half) term and lesson fees must be paid no later than the second lesson of the (half) term by cash, cheque or BACS directly to the instrumental / vocal teacher. Unfortunately, ParentPay cannot be used on this occasion. Lessons missed by pupils will be charged for, unless 48 notice is given and in the tutor's opinion, the circumstances warrant a special concession.

From September 2026 in the Primary and Secondary Phase:

- A 20 minute 1:1 lesson costing £12.00. £6.00 will be subsidised by school, with cost to home of **£6.00 (Free School Meals and GCSE Music students only)**
- A 20 minute 1:1 lesson costing £12.00. £2.00 will be subsidised by school, with cost to home of **£10.00**
- A shared lesson will cost £6.00

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Terms and Conditions

All our visiting instrumental staff are self-employed and **when the attached application is signed, you enter a contract directly with the tutor, not the school for your child's lessons. Prompt payment is, therefore, imperative as tuition money is an instrumental teachers' direct source of income. The school does not pay instrumental staff in lieu of parent/carer payments being made.**

Reports and Assessment

You will receive an instrumental tuition report, based on your child's progress during the summer term.

School Instruments

Pupils learning the drums, guitar and bass guitar can access school instruments in their own time (lunch time / after school) with permission from a member of the Music Department, but we do recommend that eventually, they have their own. Unfortunately, we cannot allow for these to be borrowed and taken off school site.

We do have a store of brass, woodwind and string instruments subject to availability. In the event of borrowing a school instrument, an instrument loan contract will need to be completed. If you have been studying an instrument for a while and are developing through graded exams, it might be more preferable for you to own your own instrument than borrow a school model. (Suggested rental and instalment schemes are available and as a department we can suggest options on enquiry).

Extra-Curricular

Students are also very welcome to join any of the extra-curricular groups at no cost. I would highly recommend encouraging your child to join as this will enhance their performance / ensemble and technical skills – as well as being great fun. Ensembles in the Primary Phase include vocals opportunities. In the Secondary Phase, Harmonix vocal group, senior vocals, guitar group and All-Stars Cuban Band.

To Discontinue Lessons

Four weeks' notice is required in writing to discontinue lessons.

For further queries regarding instrumental lessons, please contact the Music Department.

Please find the application and agreement for instrumental tuition attached

Yours sincerely

Mrs G J Goodier
Assistant Principal (KS3 Student Progress – Academic)
Head of Music

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**William Hulme's Grammar School – Department of Music
Agreement and Contract Form for Instrumental Tuition**

STUDENTS FULL NAME:	
FORM:	CHOSEN INSTRUMENT:
PARENTS/ GUARDIAN NAME: (MR / MRS / MISS/ MS)	
ADDRESS:	HOME TELEPHONE:
	MOBILE:
	EMAIL:
POST CODE:	
NAME AND ADDRESS TO WHOM THE INVOICE SHOULD BE SENT IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE	

1) Have you had instrumental lessons on this instrument before? YES/ NO

2) If yes, what standard is your child on this instrument? (E.g. Music Medal, Elementary, Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, etc)

3) Have you had instrumental lessons on another instrument before? YES/ NO

4) Do you need to borrow an instrument? (Only applies to string/ Woodwind or Brass) YES/ NO

5) If yes, which instrument _____

I have read and understood the terms and conditions as set out above and agree to meet lesson payments when issued with an invoice from my child's instrumental tutor.

Signed:	
Date:	

From next September 2026 in the Primary and Secondary Phase:

- A 20 minute 1:1 lesson costing £12.00. £6.00 will be subsidised by school, with cost to home of **£6.00 (Free School Meals and GCSE Music students only)**
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