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September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that we have all settled back into school life, I would like to present your child with the exciting opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. We offer tuition during the school day on an excellent range of instruments: Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Cornet, Trumpet, Euphonium, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, Guitar, Drumkit, Piano, Keyboard, Voice.

We deliver excellent tuition through our experienced, instrumental teachers. Some of whom are private tutors who visit OWS and some who are employed by the Shropshire Music Service.

Lessons offer very good value for money:

**Shropshire Music Service tuition** is delivered in small groups of 2, 3 or 4 and are £9 per 20 minute lesson.

*If your child receives free school meals a 50% remission of the fee will be arranged, up to £45 per term. We must invoice you for any amount over £45 per term.*

*If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and your joint family income is below £16,010, a 25% remission can be arranged (**fee reduction up to a maximum amount of £22.50 per term**). Evidence of your income via a remissions form will be required to ensure the music service criteria for a reduction in costs is met.*

**Private tuition** is taught one to one for 20 minutes or 30 minutes and costs approximately £10-£14 per lesson.

*NB: There are no remission of fees for lessons taught by our private tutors (Piano, Vocal, Violin, Viola)*

Instruments can be hired so there is no need for parents to invest in a musical instrument purchase.

- *I should point out that our Shropshire Music Service tutors will re-commence their face to face teaching in January 2021 (Brass, Wind, Keyboard, Drumkit, Guitar, Cello, Double Bass)*
- *Our Private Tutors have already re-commenced their tuition at OWS: Piano, Violin, Viola, Vocal.*

**If your son/daughter is interested in playing an instrument with the Shropshire Music Service** on either Guitar, Drumkit, Keyboard, Wind, Brass, Cello, Double Bass, please complete the application form overleaf and return it to Miss J Dangerfield in the Music Department or email [jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com](mailto:jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com)

**If your son/daughter was receiving instrumental tuition in Year 6** and they wish to continue, please complete the application form overleaf to be returned to Miss J Dangerfield in the Music Department or email [jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com](mailto:jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com) so that I can ensure their instrumental tuition will continue at OWS.

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**If you wish your son/daughter to receive private tuition** on either Piano, Vocal, Violin or Viola, please express your interest on the slip overleaf and return to Miss J Dangerfield in the Music Department or email [jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com](mailto:jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com) and I will ask the private tutor to contact you directly.

I have lost count of the number of adults who have said to me over the years, 'I wish I'd had the opportunity to play an instrument when I was younger.' So, here is that very opportunity for your child. Learning to play an instrument, whilst requiring commitment to practise, can lead to wonderful performance opportunities at OWS, and in county wide ensembles as they progress, as well as giving life-long pleasure.

I look forward to supporting your son/daughter and to help them fulfil their instrumental wishes.

Yours faithfully,



Miss J Dangerfield

Head of Music

**Reply slip overleaf**

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**TUITION WITH THE SHROPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE (Guitar, Keyboard, Wind, Brass, Drumkit, Cello, Double Bass)**

Name..... Form Group..... has my permission to commence (Name of instrument)..... tuition with the Shropshire Music Service at Oldbury Wells School.

\*We will need/will not need to hire an instrument (please delete\*)

I understand that the tuition fee is non-refundable and payable in advance of each term.

**Ending Tuition**

**We of course hope that your son/daughter enjoys their opportunity of learning to play an instrument. Please be aware that invoices will be for the term which lies ahead once you agree to tuition and therefore your son/daughter is agreeing to commit to at least a whole term of lessons. If your son/daughter wishes to end their tuition at any point, we require half a term's notice and even if they choose to end lessons immediately, we will still require payment for the full term. If students miss a lesson(s) due to their absence we will still require payment for the full amount.**

**We also politely request that any decision to end tuition is put formally in writing with an effective date, for the attention of Miss J Dangerfield please.**

*I agree to give half a term written notice in the event of my son/daughter ending their tuition.*

Signed:..... Parent/Guardian Dated: .....

My child receives Free School Meals [  ]

We believe we may be eligible for a 25% remission of fees [  ]

If you tick this box we will send you the relevant application for remission of fees 2020/21.

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***TUITION WITH ONE OF OUR PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL TUTORS (Piano, Vocal, Violin, Viola)***

Name.....Form Group..... is interested in learning to play .....(Piano, Voice, Violin, or Viola)

I give permission for my contact details to be given to the private tutor who will contact me directly.

Signed:..... Parent/Guardian Dated: .....

Telephone No(s).....

Email Address.....

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