

4th June 2019

Dear Parent,

Musical Instrument Lessons

The start of a new school year is a popular time to begin a musical instrument and parents are urged to apply as soon as possible if they would like their child to start an instrument in September. The instruments available are Violin, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Recorder, Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, Percussion and Piano. Instrumental hire is often available from the school.

Music lessons are taught during the school day on a rotational basis and the cost of lessons for 2019-2020 is £18.10 per half hour lesson. Parents may of course prefer their child to have lessons outside of school and can be assured that these children will still be able to participate fully in school ensembles and performances. Some instruments are also taught on a Saturday morning as part of the Saturday Music School in the Music Department.

Music lessons can be hugely beneficial to all areas of a child's development. The key to success on an instrument however is practising at home and parents are advised that their support and interest is vital here. Choosing a suitable instrument / second instrument and knowing when a child is ready to begin can be tricky. Suitability of particular instruments also depends on age and size. Advice is available from Miss Toolan via email r.toolan@herefordcs.com and a trial lesson can be arranged where appropriate. Please complete the Firefly form via the following link <https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/letters-to-parents/musical-instrument-lessons> in the first instance if your child is interested in starting an instrument in September. In order to guarantee that a space will be available, please complete the form as soon as possible and no later than 14th June. This form is merely to register interest, a lesson application form will be sent from the music department at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Toolan
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