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Dear Parent/Carer

Student Music lessons

As Faculty Leader for Music, I would like to welcome you to Guiseley School. Our thriving Music department is an exciting place to be for staff and students. We are sure you will experience and enjoy the busy and musical atmosphere that we try to create in our department! In addition to the timetabled lessons, your child will also be encouraged to join one or several of our numerous existing extra-curricular groups that rehearse either at lunchtimes or after school. We cater for all instrumentalists and singers. The range of activities covers all types of music from a classical string group to rock bands, via a samba band, choir, soul band, wind band and orchestra along with many more groups. All these ensembles are looking for new members!

We are also able to offer individual/group peripatetic lessons that are taught in addition to the national curriculum. These lessons are typically taught during the school day by specialist, professional music teachers that visit our school on a weekly basis. Our peri teachers contribute a lot to the musical life of our department. These lessons may provide an opportunity for students to take up an instrument for the first time or for students to continue with their studies from primary school. We offer a wide range of instruments that can be studied and we have some instruments available for use. Starting secondary school can be an ideal time to take up something new! These additional music lessons are of 20 minutes' duration and group lessons, wherever possible, will have no more than three students per session.

The cost of the lessons will be £152 for an individual lesson and £81 for a group lesson per term with a discount available for vocal, piano/keyboard and guitar lessons. Pupil Premium students are entitled to a free group lesson. Over the academic year we will provide a minimum of 33 lessons and invoice you at the start of each term with a 30-day payment period. We regret to inform you that failure to pay within this window may result in your child being withdrawn from lessons. Once you sign up for music lessons for the term you are committed to the payment for that term. Should you wish to withdraw your child from lessons for the following term you are required to advise school in writing (via an online form on our school website or via e mail to info@guiseleyschool.org.uk) before the end of the current term. Failure to provide adequate notice may result in a liability to pay for the next term. Payments should be made directly to school via ParentPay, our online payment system – you should receive your logins for this by September.

If you wish your child to take up lessons starting in September, then please complete the form through Insight. You can access the form by logging in to Insight, choosing Finance links from the top menu and then choose Music Lesson Application Form and/or Instrument Hire form (ArtForms).

Yours sincerely

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