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Saffron Walden County High School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The Music Department at the Saffron Walden County High School offers individual music lessons on the instruments below, subject to availability:

Violin	Trumpet/Cornet	Saxophone	Drums	Guitar – Classical
Viola	French Horn	Clarinet	Voice	Guitar - Electric
Cello	Trombone	Flute	Piano	
Double Bass	Tuba	Bassoon	Jazz Piano/Keyboard	

Music lessons are provided by self-employed **Visiting Music Teachers (VMT)** who come into the school on certain days of the week. Therefore, you do not pay SWCHS for these lessons but will instead enter into a private contract with the VMT and pay them directly when invoiced. The cost of lessons ranges from £19.00 upwards per 30 minutes, depending on the rate used by the individual VMT. They all guarantee that at least 10 instrumental lessons will be given each term. Students in Year 12/13 have their lessons scheduled in their free periods.

However, there is one payment that you do need to make to SWCHS, which is an annual Music Administration Charge (MAC) of £25 which is due in the Autumn Term. This charge is per student and is to cover administration costs for the VMTs. If a student wishes to discontinue lessons, the notice period agreed with your VMT must be paid and honoured, to avoid fees becoming payable for the new term. There is provision for bursary funding so please contact Mrs Chapman (ichapman@swchs.net) to see if you are eligible before filling out the application form.

Parents are actively encouraged to liaise with the instrumental teachers throughout the year. Pupils are also able to take their Associated Board practical exams at the school, which are held termly (numbers dependant).

It is sometimes necessary to operate a waiting list and you will be informed of this if it is the case.

All students receiving instrumental lessons should contribute to one or more of the school's ensembles.

Please read carefully and complete the online application form below by no later than **Friday 14th June 2024** if you would like your child to have instrumental lessons at SWCHS. Further information on any aspect of Music at Saffron Walden County High School can be obtained from Mrs Ure (eure@swchs.net), Music administrator.

[Please click here to fill out the application form](#)

Yours sincerely

Miss C Law
Director of Music

