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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **MUSIC LESSONS at Uxbridge High School**

Would you like your child to learn a musical instrument at Uxbridge High School? If so, now is the time to act, before all the spaces fill up! Learning a musical instrument can help children's concentration, confidence and co-ordination and boost their social and team-work skills too.

The Hillingdon Music Hub teaches the following instruments at Uxbridge High School, so if your child is not already learning an instrument with us, you could sign them up to one of our dedicated team of professionally-active music teachers. Instruments include:

- **Drums**
- **Guitar**
- **Piano**
- **Upper Strings (Violin, Viola)**
- **Singing**
- **Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone)**

Lessons normally cost £74 per term, plus £21 if you need to hire an instrument (hire not available for guitar, keyboard or percussion). Discounted rates are also available. See more details below.

#### **Special reduced prices**

Reduced prices per school term:

- Price per term: £16.00
- Instrument hire per term: £7.00

You pay these rates if you:

- get Universal Credit and your household income from employment is less than £617 per month
- meet any other criteria for your child to receive free school meals (i.e. you receive income support, income based jobseekers' allowance or if you receive child tax credit with an income below £16,190 (but do not receive working tax credit).

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If you have concerns regarding the cost of lessons, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mr. Dawson, lead practitioner for music by email: [jdawson@uhs.org.uk](mailto:jdawson@uhs.org.uk)

## HOW TO SIGN UP

Go online to [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/startmusic](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/startmusic)

fill in the form to REGISTER INTEREST for 'Standard Tuition'.

We will alert the instrumental teacher for your selected instrument, who will organise to assess your child during this term and if a place is available, set a start date for their first official lesson.

If there are not enough places your child may go on a waiting list. Please note that students can only sign up to learn one instrument at a time with Hillingdon Music Service, so this letter is not for learning an additional instrument.

There is also the option of learning brass, woodwind or string instruments at the West Drayton Tuition Centre. You can find details of this at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/startmusic](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/startmusic)

### **MORE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

#### **First instrument only**

- **If your child is already learning an instrument with Hillingdon Music Hub, you cannot use this letter to sign them up for additional instruments**

#### **Instrument hire**

- Piano / Keyboard / Guitar or Drum kits are not available for hire. Pupils will need to have their own instrument to practise on
- Instruments are provided when tuition commences (stock permitting), and must be picked up from our instrument store at the Civic Centre in Uxbridge. Some instruments e.g. flute, clarinet and saxophones, are only available for the first one to two years of tuition. **There is an understanding that families will pay the first £35 of any loss or damage to the instrument.**
- Information on the Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme is available on request. This scheme enables parents to purchase instruments through us without paying VAT (instrument cost must exceed £100)

#### **Charges**

- The price is £74 per term plus £21 for the hire of a Music Hub instrument
- For families receiving Income Support, Child Tax Credit WITHOUT Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Based Job Seekers Allowance the charge will be £16 per term plus £7 per term for the use of an instrument
- The full fee is payable for the first term and this is non-refundable. Fees for the following term are adjusted according to start date.

#### **Other information**

- Hillingdon Music Hub aims to provide a teacher for 30 lessons per school year. Please see [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music) for the teaching dates.
- If a pupil receives less than 30 lessons (pro rata according to start date) a credit will be made to you, at the end of the teaching year.
- Lessons are usually given in small groups and sometimes individually, depending on need and stage of development
- Lessons take place during the afternoon of the school day
- The times of lessons are on a rota, which helps the music lessons to fit in as much as possible with other learning activities