



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

June 2020

MUSIC DEPARTMENT INSTRUMENTAL TUITION FOR 2020/21 FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

Dear Parent / Carer,

At Park High we offer a varied and extensive range of instrumental and vocal tuition and extended curricular music ensembles. Musical activities are valued greatly by the school.

Depending on the demand and cost we will be continuing to offer lessons as follows:

<i>Vocal</i>	Male and female.
<i>String</i>	Violin, Viola, beginner Cello, Double Bass
<i>Woodwind</i>	Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon.
<i>Brass</i>	Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba.
<i>Percussion</i>	Drum Kit,
<i>Guitar</i>	Classical guitar, Electric guitar and Electric bass guitar
<i>Keyboard</i>	Electric Keyboard, Piano.
<i>Indian Instruments</i>	Tabla, Harmonium, Sitar, Dhol

Due to the current situation, we are trying to keep the fees as low as possible, **we will now offer group lessons**, with a maximum of 3 students receiving a **30-minute lesson**. We will have to limit the number of students to adhere to social distancing rules. To ensure teachers can be paid for the contracted hours, we must insist that fees are paid prior to the first lesson. Students will not be able to participate in any instrumental lesson until payment has been made in full.

As with most schools we must make a charge for instrumental and vocal music lessons. The cost will be £330 for a guaranteed 33 lessons over the year. Full payment is available on ParentPay. Students will not be allowed to start attending lessons until payment has been made. Although, we would very much prefer the full fee to be paid, we are aware that due to current circumstances, you may be experiencing some financial difficulty. We would like to offer the instalment offer to ease any burden

Payment deadlines:

Payment 1:	The first instalment is due on	6 September 2020
Payment 2:	The second instalment is due on	12 February 2021

- a) For 33 lessons the subsidised cost will be £10 per lesson which is **£330** per annum
- b) The first instrument will be **free** for families eligible for Free School Meals and students studying GCSE Music.
- c) A Reduced subsidised fee, offering 10% discount, of **£297** per annum are offered to:
 1. Students learning a second instrument.
 2. Second or subsequent members (siblings) of the same family attending Park High who are having school lessons.

Please note: A reduced subsidised fee for 2nd instrument and siblings will only be available where the full subsidised fee has been paid first.

If you are successful in your application and later chose to withdraw, **refunds will not be made**. All lessons are provided at the discretion of the Head of Music and lessons will be stopped if students do not maintain their commitment to them. **Refunds will not be made as fees are liable throughout the year in full**

Headteacher Mrs Colette O'Dwyer

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Students are withdrawn from mainstream classes to attend instrumental and vocal lessons. All instrumental and vocal lessons are timetabled on a rotational basis so that the same school lesson is not missed each week.

From September, we will be asking teachers to use Microsoft Teams to deliver live lessons to students. If students are present in school, we will be expecting social distancing rules to be strictly adhered to. If your son/daughter receive lessons from Harrow Music Service, they are offering face to face lessons, where available or live lessons delivered by teachers from the Arts Centre or at Park High. Charanga will still be used but as more of a supporting tool. All of our teachers are very much looking forward to meeting their students face to face again after this period of distance learning.

I do hope you will consider instrumental or vocal lessons for your child. They are still subsidised by the school and represent excellent value for money. It is also worth pointing out at this stage that following recent changes to the music examining bodies (ABRSM, & Trinity-College), **passing the upper music exam grades (6, 7 & 8) now equates to UCAS points which will support students' entry into University** in a few years' time! I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Park High have been awarded to be a Champion Centre for Trinity College examinations.

If you would like your son/daughter to receive instrumental / vocal lessons, then please complete and sign the attached contract and return to the Head of Music at Park High School ideally **by 3rd July 2020**.

As school is still partially closed, could you please complete the contract and post back to the school using the following address;

FAO Mrs P Pearn
Park High School,
Thistlecroft Gardens,
Stanmore,
Middlesex,
HA7 1PL.

Or, please scan the completed contract and email to info@parkhighstanmore.org.uk marking it for the attention of Mrs P Pearn, Head of Music.

If you are finding yourself in financial difficulties, please do contact the Head of Music.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Colette O'Dwyer
Head Teacher



**PARK HIGH SCHOOL – INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS
CONTRACT OF AGREEMENT 2020-21**

Please complete and return to the Head of Music.

(Please complete separate contracts for each student and instruments)

I would like my son/daughter (*name*) _____ Tutor _____

to receive lessons at school on (*instrument*) _____

Please tick one of the following:

I am eligible to pay the **full fee upfront of £330**

or two instalments:

1st payment **£170** before **6 September 2020**

2nd payment **£160** before **12 February 2021**

My son/daughter is entitled to free school meals, and therefore the first instrument is free.

I am eligible to pay the **10% reduced subsidised fee of £297** or two instalments because this will be my 2nd instrumental lesson. This first instrument is _____ of which I am paying the **full fee**. *All subsidised fees are only eligible where one full fee has already been paid.*

1st payment **£160** before **6 September 2020**

2nd payment **£137** before **12 February 2021**

I am eligible to pay the **10% reduced subsidised fee of £297** or two instalments because I already have another child learning an instrument at Park for which I am paying the **full fee**. *All subsidised fees are only eligible where one full fee has already been paid.*

(Sibling Name) _____

1st payment **£160** before **6 September 2020**

2nd payment **£137** before **12 February 2021**

My son/daughter will be studying GCSE Music in September 2020 and is entitled for the instrumental lessons on their first instrument to be free.

Payment deadlines:

Autumn Term: The first instalment is due before **6 September 2020**

Spring Term: The second instalment is due before **12 February 2021**

By signing and returning this form, you are agreeing to the terms outlined in the instrumental and vocal teaching policy and the covering letter.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Mobile _____

(Please indicate if your child has taken any graded examinations, or whether they are a beginner when returning the form)