



George Spencer Academy

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about the instrumental music provision we have on offer at George Spencer Academy from September 2017. When your child joins us in September, they will have the opportunity to audition on an instrument of their choice taught by our visiting peripatetic teachers. Wherever possible, we aim to continue lessons that have already been started in primary school for continuity.

This provision takes place during the normal school day and pupils leave lessons on a rotation basis each week to attend instrumental lessons within the music department. The charge for lessons is £100 per term for 10 lessons plus £25 for hire of an instrument.

Parents who are in receipt of;

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Tax Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Credit
- Universal Credit, may like to contact me by telephone or letter, in confidence, by 18th July, to discuss further financial assistance.

Listed below are our current staff and the instruments we have on offer:

Mr Lee Brookes - Drums

Mrs L Shepherd - Voice

Ms M McMullin - Voice and flute

Mr Roberts - Brass

Mr Shaw - Clarinet & Saxophone

Mr Jim Walker - Upper Strings

Mr Ian Crabtree - Guitar & Bass Guitar

In addition to the provision listed above, we run an extensive extra-curricular programme at George Spencer Academy for musicians of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether or not they have instrumental lessons in school:

Rock School, Swing Band, Keyboard Club, Wind Band, Choir, String Group, and GCSE and A Level Coursework Support.

Pupils are also able to book practice rooms on a daily basis at lunchtimes for individual practice and small-group work.

We hold two main concerts at the end of our Christmas and summer terms along with showcase evenings, recitals and regular outside performances throughout the year. If you are interested in any of the above provision, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to George Spencer Academy **by the end of the Summer Term**, which will allow us to forward plan for September when your child joins us or email a response with the same information to twardle@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk. Please do not hesitate to contact me at and I will be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Yours Sincerely

Mr T Wardle

Music Department

Media and Creative Arts Faculty



Music Lessons 2017 to 2017

Name of Student:Current School:.....

My child is interested in having lessons in school.

We do / do not require the hire of an instrument.

Please tick one or more of the following options

My child has lessons already and is approximately grade.....standard.	
My child has never had lessons	
My child will continue to have lessons outside of school (but would like to join an ensemble)	

Signed.....Parent/Guardian Date.....