Dear Parent/Carer,

The way the school offers instrumental lessons will change from Christmas. Our priority is to encourage as many students as possible to learn an instrument and this only becomes possible when instrumental lessons are affordable for everyone. What we intend to do is to teach Year 7 students in small groups, to lower the cost. From Year 8, students will have the option of choosing to continue with group lessons or opt to have individual lessons. This will not affect students who are already receiving lessons.

The cost of lessons in Year 7 will be a flat rate of £65 per term. This means parents/carers will pay for ten 30-minute group lessons per term. Refunds will only be offered should students receive less than ten lessons in a term, through no fault of their own (school trips, teacher absence etc.) The aim is to teach in groups sizes of 3-4 students, wherever possible. Payments are made via ParentPay and should be made in advance, by the dates listed below. For more information about funding, including people premium, please contact the main school office.

You do not need to request instrumental lessons every term – the school will assume that students are continuing with lessons unless notified by the parent/carer. This needs to be done in advance, by the dates below. Students cannot give up halfway through a term and no refund can be given should they choose to do so.

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| Term of lessons | Notification received by | Payment to be received by |
| Spring term | 6th December 2024 | 20th December 2024 |
| Summer term | 7th March 2025 | 28th March 2025 |

The instruments available to Year 7 are listed below. Please fill in the Microsoft form by following the link below, which can also be found on the school website by going to extracurricular and then music lesson.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cCy76NwEk0iIgsR7VNvSkhgtJ8aFDGVFlAEX7C4pzOVUN1YwNzJKQUdQU0RJMzU2RlNGSlJMQllDNS4u>

Instruments available for Year 7: Guitar, Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Singing, Trumpet, Trombone.

Kind regards,

Mr Taylor