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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Private Instrumental and Vocal Tuition

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the some of the activities that are available to your child within the Music department at John Port Spencer Academy. Every child will receive timetabled class music lessons, however there are many extra-curricular activities also available to students.

We currently have eight visiting music teachers who provide weekly instrumental and vocal tuition. Lessons take place during the school day on a rotational timetable, although some teachers can deliver a limited number of lessons before or after school. Please note that the demand for lessons after school can be high and we would prioritise students that are in KS4 or receiving a lesson of over 30 minutes.

Tuition is fee based and payments for these are arranged privately between the teacher and parent, however in the case of financial hardship school can help to meet some of the cost. The cost of instrumental/vocal tuition varies between teachers but works out at approximately £12.00 for a 20-minute individual lesson. Students eligible for Pupil Premium pay 50% of the fee which works out at approximately £6.00 for a 20-minute individual lesson. Lessons can be shared if students are of a similar standard.

Some instruments are available to borrow from school if you do not have your own. If your child would like to have instrumental/vocal tuition in school, please complete the attached form and return it Mrs Hodgson. This will be passed to the appropriate teacher who will be in contact with further information.

Lessons are currently available for the following instruments:

- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello.
- Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone (Oboe and Bassoon lessons may be offered depending on interest)
- Brass: Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Tuba, and brass band instruments
- Piano, Guitar (all styles), Voice, Drum Kit

There are many opportunities for you and your child to become involved in music making whilst at John Port Spencer Academy. Details of the most appropriate group for your child can be obtained from their Music teacher.

Yours sincerely,

S Hodgson

Mrs. S Hodgson
Director of Teaching and Learning for Music

Application for Music Tuition – John Port Spencer Academy 2025 – 2026

Please return to Mrs Hodgson (Music Department).

Student's Name: _____Form_____

I would like to arrange tuition for my child on the _____(instrument/voice)

Experience already gained/grades taken_____

My child has an instrument. Yes / No

My child would like to borrow an instrument (subject to availability) Yes /No

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No. _____ Email: _____

I give my permission for the details above to be shared with the instrumental/vocal teachers at John Port Spencer Academy and understand that any tuition arranged will be a private arrangement between myself and the individual teacher.

I understand that the level of tuition provided will be monitored regularly by John Port Spencer Academy's Music Department.

Signed_____ Date: _____