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**TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 PUPILS  
RE: INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION SEPTEMBER 2021**

**MUSIC TUITION**

We currently provide tuition on;

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Recorder, Oboe, Bassoon

Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Horn(s), Tuba

Percussion: Piano, Keyboard, Tuned Percussion, Drum Kit  
Guitar (acoustic and electric), Bass Guitar and Singing (vocals).

Head of School - Steve Hicks  
Executive Head - Su Whelan

Music tuition for Sept 2021 is £270 a year. (This is around £8 a lesson, which is very good value).

If you would like your child to **start** or **continue** Music tuition at Thornden School for the next academic year (Sept 2021) please;

1. Fill in the 'Music Tuition Form', sign and return.
2. Please read the 'Music Tuition Policy', sign and return copy 2 and keep copy 1 for your records.
3. Please send in 1 cheque for £90 we can also accept cash, the payments for the Spring and Summer terms will be available to you online once your child has been set up with an online account, this will happen from September 2021. Please note that by signing the policy and returning it to school with the first instalment you are **committing to paying for music lessons for the whole academic year**.

We now require parents/carers to enrol and send in payment to secure lessons for next academic year. This is so we can book the correct number of teaching hours and meet our financial agreement with Hampshire Music Service, the employer of our peripatetic teachers.

**Please return the enrolment form, signed Policy and first instalment to Mrs Laird in the Thornden Hall Box Office by Wednesday 24 March 2021. Lessons cannot commence in September if we do not receive this information.**

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Mr R Collar, Deputy Headteacher, to explain the situation (in confidence), the school may be able to give financial help if your child wishes to have Music Tuition. [r.collar@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:r.collar@thornden.hants.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Jones  
Head of Extra Curricular Music

Copy 1 – Retain for your records

## **POLICY FOR MUSIC TUITION AT THORNDEN SCHOOL**

- 1 Cost is £270 for a whole school year. Payment is to be made by presenting 1 initial cheque for £90 for Autumn Term 2021. When your child has been enrolled and set up with a SCOpay account Spring and Summer term tuition fees will be available to pay online.
- 2 **Music tuition takes place during the school day.** Music sessions are rotated each week as far as possible to avoid the student missing the same part of the same subject lesson each week.
- 3 Students are expected to commit themselves to lessons **for a whole year. Refunds will only be permitted if the space is sold on to another student.**
- 4 Teaching will be in pairs
- 5 The payment entitles pupils to a minimum of 30 weeks' tuition each school year (although students often receive 32-35 lessons a year).
- 6 If the number of lessons in a year drops below 30, refunds will be issued. *(For example unexpected long-term teacher absence causing the final numbers of lessons to fall below 30).*
- 7 If a student knows in advance they will not be able to attend their Music lesson, e.g. they have a test/assessment, they should tell their instrumental teacher, ideally the week before as they may possibly be able to re-schedule their lesson time.
- 8 Parents/carers are expected to support their children by checking their child's record book for attendance and teacher notes by encouraging them to practise as appropriate. Regular attendance and practice is expected.
- 9 Lesson times are displayed on the notice board outside Music Room 1. It is the student's responsibility to check carefully.
- 10 Music tuition takes place weekly in the Practice Rooms by Music Room 1. Music tuition takes place during the school day; students will need to leave their subject lessons for 20-30 minutes once a week to attend.
- 11 School teaching staff release students from lessons to attend their Music lessons. Students must play their part in this system by asking politely if they may leave (preferably asking at the beginning of a lesson) and by catching up on missed work in their own time.
- 12 For some instruments we do have a limited amount of 'fixed' lesson times at break/lunchtime/afterschool. They are in limited supply and only available to Year 10/11 students.
- 13 Students receiving lessons through school are strongly encouraged to join one of our many suitable ensembles that rehearse weekly e.g. Choirs, string Orchestra, Wind Band etc...
- 14 A report on the students' progress will be written and sent home once a year.
- 15 We send out weekly emails to parents/carers informing them if their child did not attend their music lesson
- 16 Children who receive Music tuition through school are entitled to buy their musical instrument through the school VAT free, thus saving 20% off the purchase price. Please contact Mr R Jones for more details ([r.jones@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:r.jones@thornden.hants.sch.uk))

**I agree to the policy written above and we are committing to Music Tuition at Thornden School for the whole academic year.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer

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## **Music Tuition Enrolment for September 2021**

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument my child would like to start / continue to have tuition on \_\_\_\_\_

Are they a complete beginner YES / NO

If no please give approximate standard/grade and or length of time they have played

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*It may be possible to provide individual lessons after school at an increased cost. If this is of interest to you please contact [e.laird@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:e.laird@thornden.hants.sch.uk)*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer

### **In Summary...**

**Please Return to Mrs Laird in the Thornden Hall Box Office:**

- 1. This enrolment form**
  - 2. Signed 'Music Tuition Policy' – please keep a copy at home**
  - 3. 1 cheque: £90, cheques made payable to 'Thornden School'.**
- The following payments can be made via SCOPay, £90 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, £90 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**

**We need all of this information in advance so we can buy-in the correct amount of Music Tuition for September.**

**Lessons cannot commence in September 2021 if we do not receive all of the above by Wednesday 24 March 2021.**

**Many thanks.**