

20th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Peripatetic Music Lessons

Thank you for completing the survey online to register an interest in your child having instrumental lessons at Corby Technical School.

We are proud to be working with Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust to provide these lessons. A specialist teacher in Guitar, Piano, Drum Kit and Upper/Lower Strings will be coming to teach in our school one day a week starting in September.

You have a choice of opting for paired tuition (recommended for students below grade 2 standard) or individual tuition. You do not need to have a partner in mind for paired tuition as this will be arranged by the teacher (ensuring their partner is in the same year group bubble). The lessons last for 20 minutes, and will have a fixed time each week so that we can ensure students from the different year group bubbles are not mixing. We have worked with NMPAT to ensure these lessons are fully risk assessed, and NMPAT staff are fully briefed on the measures required to minimise the risk of Covid spread. The lessons will take place in a classroom space to make sure there is sufficient space for social distancing, and any shared equipment will be thoroughly cleaned between uses.

In order to secure a place for your child, please complete the enclosed contract. We are over-subscribed and the lessons will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so we would encourage you to do this as soon as possible but not later than **Wednesday 2nd September**.

If you are successful in your application, you will receive an email from school to inform you of this and ask that you make your first payment. The payments will be made via WisePay, and need to be completed by no later than **Wednesday 9th September** in order for your child to be added to the timetable for September. Lessons are charged at £7 per lesson for paired tuition, and £14 per lesson for individual lessons. Therefore, you can choose to either pay for the first session (10 lessons), then again in December and March, or upfront now for the year. The session cost (ten lessons) for paired tuition is therefore £70, and for individual lessons is £140. If you wish to pay upfront for the year, the cost for a year of paired lessons is £210 and for individual lessons it costs £420 for the year. If your child is entitled to pupil premium funding and you would like support with payments, please contact the school Finance Officer Mrs Cheryl Ritchie at critchie@corbytechnicalschool.org. Similarly, if you wish to set up a payment plan to split the cost down further, please contact Mrs Ritchie to discuss this.

The lessons will begin week commencing 14th September, and students will be informed via their tutor of when their first lesson is.

As mentioned in the contract, it is beneficial for your child to have an instrument at home to practise on in between their lessons at school. Ordinarily the practice rooms are available for students to use after school, but at present we have had to close this facility due to Covid restrictions. Instruments will be loaned out via NMPAT to any child learning upper or lower string instruments who don't have their own (not guitars).

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Ms Jenkins at ajenkins@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal