

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

**Re: Instrument Music Lessons**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are proud to be able to offer our students the opportunity to learn an instrument during their time at CTS. We know that learning an instrument can be hugely beneficial to support their lifelong development in many ways, not least as a form of self-expression and a sense of fulfilment. If your child has previously learnt an instrument at primary school, we would strongly encourage them to continue with this as they transition into secondary school. Additionally, if your child has an interest in learning a musical instrument, now is the perfect time for them to start on this journey as they begin their time at a new school.

We are initially just asking for an expression of interest from any parents who think their child is likely to want a place to learn an instrument from September 2021. Once we have a final idea of the number of lessons we will have the capacity to offer on each instrument, we will then be in contact with those parents who have expressed an interest, in order to provide more details, and at that point ask for you to complete the contract and payment process.

Lessons are delivered by teachers from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). We are hoping to provide lessons on the piano, guitar (electric/acoustic/bass), upper and lower strings, and the drum kit. However, if there is enough interest in another instrument to purchase the minimum time requirement from NMPAT, we will seek to offer this too. The lessons will be taught in pairs up to grade 2 standard, for 20 minutes per week with a specialist teacher from the NMPAT music service. There will be a cost for these (of approximately £7 per week for 30 weeks across the year – to be confirmed) but this may be subsidised for students who receive free school meals. If your child is beyond grade 2 standard, they can apply for 1:1 lessons, but these will be at a cost of £14 per week. We offer the option to pay for a term at a time in advance (10 weeks) or for the full year upfront (30 weeks). The cost of lessons missed due to non-delivery will be deducted from the final term's invoice or refunded during the final term if you have paid in full.

Please fill in the form [here](#) if you would like to express an interest in your child undertaking instrumental lessons in the new academic year. This does not commit you to purchasing these lessons if your circumstances change, but would encourage you to only apply if you think there is a strong chance your child will want to take up a place, as we need to provide NMPAT with an estimate of the number of lessons we will require.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me at [ajenkins@corbytechnicalschool.org](mailto:ajenkins@corbytechnicalschool.org).

Yours sincerely,

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