

Instrumental Provision 2014-2015

Dear Parent

The Music Department of Test Valley School is delighted to be able to offer a comprehensive music provision throughout the academic year on a wide range of instruments. Tuition is currently available in Woodwind, Brass, Strings, Percussion, Guitar, Keyboard and Singing. The lessons are taught by visiting specialist teachers, most of whom are employed by Hampshire Music Service, and are mainly conducted in pairs or small groups.

This is a very popular service with in excess of one hundred pupils receiving tuition as part of their weekly extra-curricular musical activities and is available to any pupil attending Test Valley School at the subsidised rate of £68 per term. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop a new skill and to make considerable progress on their chosen instrument at a reasonable cost. It is hoped that pupils will only study in school an instrument on which they have no other external tuition.

It is an expectation of the provision agreement that once a pupil has been accepted for tuition, and has become reasonably proficient and confident on their instrument or voice, that they will attend at least one of the extra-curricular groups run by the Music Department, as appropriate to their instrument, and will participate in the various concerts that are run throughout the year. Having the opportunity to play and/or sing with others is an important part of pupils' personal development as musicians, will complement the learning in their instrumental lessons and will support the Music Department in celebrating the musical talent and success of our pupils.

It has been necessary to slightly raise the cost of lessons in 2014-15 to meet the rising rate of Hampshire Music Service teachers, but this is the first time this has been necessary in over three years and we are confident that this service still provides excellent value for money. We are therefore asking for a **one-off payment of £204 for the year, or three cheques of £68 each, dated 03.09.14, 06.01.15 and 22.04.15, which will be held until payments are due.** Tuition cannot start until we receive this payment, or a letter explaining an exceptional circumstance which might prevent payment. **If your child decides not to continue his/her lessons, a term's notice MUST be given in writing and sent to Mrs Homer. Please complete the form overleaf and enclose it with your payment.**

Should you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Leyman
Head of Music

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To be returned to Mrs Homer

Pupil's name..... T/G.....

Instrument..... Grade..... Own
Instrument Yes/No

Experience Years Months

I enclose a cheque/cash (cheques payable to "Test Valley School") for £204 per instrument

I wish to pay via the e-payment method

I agree to give a term's written notice if my child wishes to discontinue instrument lessons.

Signed.....
Date:.....

Please Print Name

Please return this form to the School Office BEFORE the start of the Autumn Term 2014
(cheques will NOT be cashed until September 2014)