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Dear Parent,

## **Instrumental/Vocal Lessons**

The music department offer instrumental and vocal lessons to students of all ages and abilities. We also run our own ABRSM examination session at College each term.

Lessons are taught by an excellent team of specialist musicians covering voice, strings, brass, woodwind, guitar, drums, piano and organ. Music is an area of strength at the College and I have been delighted to see the growing number of students achieving distinctions, with many completing their grades and going on to their diplomas.

Learning to sing or play a musical instrument offers many benefits, both in developing confidence and communication skills, but also in helping learners to become more responsible and independent as they work towards a goal. Lessons take place during the day on a rotating timetable for students in Lower and Middle School and during non-contact time in the Sixth Form. Lessons last for 35 minutes and are taught within the music department. Lesson charges are added to the termly bill and we aim to deliver 30 lessons over the academic year. The cost of lessons is £295 per term and instrument hire can be arranged at a cost of £95 per term.

If you would like me to organise singing or instrumental lessons for your son or daughter please could fill out the attached form and either send a paper copy or a scanned signed copy marked for my attention to <a href="mailto:tony.coupe@ellesmere.com">tony.coupe@ellesmere.com</a>. If at any stage you wish to withdraw from lessons we ask for one term's notice in writing or by email.

Please note that information on lessons is for parents of students not currently taking instrumental or vocal tuition – if your son/daughter is currently receiving lessons these will continue this year as normal.

## **Instrumental/Vocal Ensembles**

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We are excited to resume our choirs and musical ensembles in September and I have attached a copy of the music activity schedule to this letter. All students are welcome in Lower School Choir, Lower School Band, Chapel Choir, Choral Society and Music Theory. I would ask students to discuss Senior Orchestra, Ellesmere Sinfonia and Chamber Choir with me separately.

Can I wish you and your family an excellent start to this academic year.

Best wishes,

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