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Dear Parents and Carers

Music Tuition

On behalf of the Music Department, may I extend a warm welcome to Weald of Kent.

We believe it is important to provide a vibrant and engaging community for all students, so that they may become creative, committed, and responsible individuals in the world. If you have already begun music tuition or even if you have never played an instrument or sung before, now is a wonderful opportunity to develop your musical skills with the help of a supportive and enthusiastic department. As such, we would like to invite you to sign up for private music lessons beginning in September.

If you would like to apply for lessons, please click <u>here</u> to view and complete the form. Please remember to include your contact information (email and/or phone). The application will then be forwarded to the appropriate teacher who will make direct contact with you to arrange lessons.

The Benefits of Playing A Music Instrument

We have a team of excellent, highly qualified and experienced teachers in a variety of instrumental and vocal disciplines.

Individual lessons last 30 minutes and are rotated so students do not miss the same lesson twice across a five-to-six-week period. Break and lunchtimes clashes are also avoided unless the parent requests otherwise.

Lessons are paid for termly and will be invoiced by the individual teacher at the start of each term. Payment is to be made directly to the music teacher.

New students are expected to complete at least one full term of 10 lessons before considering withdrawal. If you wish to discontinue lessons, written notice must be submitted to the teacher and to the Head of Music.

Instrument Hire

Weald has a wide range of musical instruments available for hire. Our aim is to make excellent quality musical instruments available to students at very reasonable rates, saving the expense of buying an instrument. Further information is available via the application form.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Music activities are open to all students. There are groups for all abilities, from orchestras to choirs, and other ensembles for singers and instrumentalists. If you are interested, please music@wealdgs.org to acquire further information, alternatively information can be found on the school website and the display boards in the Music Department.

Equipment – Headphones/Earphones

For health and safety reasons, we would like to request that all students purchase/possess their own headphones/earphones to use during music lessons. This should be considered as a standard part of their equipment, alongside pencil cases, PE kit and school uniform. The headphones/earphones should have an aux lead attachment with 3.5mm jack (standard headphone size).

The transition to secondary school can be a challenging one, and developing positive and consistent habits, may ease this transition.

Once again, welcome to Weald and if you require any further assistance please contact us using the email address above.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mr J. Crowhurst Head of Music