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Dear Parent/Carer

### Encore! Lesson Availability

We currently have space for students to have lessons at Western Primary School on the following instruments through our Encore! Music provision:

- Piano / Keyboard
- Guitar / ukulele
- Strings: Violin, viola, cello, double bass
- Voice
- Flute, recorder
- Brass (trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn)

Space is limited, and lessons will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information on Encore! lessons at Western Primary School, please see the information sheet attached.

Lesson prices for 2023-2024 are as follows:

Individual lesson length	Termly (14 lessons)*
20 minutes @ £15.00 per lesson	£210.00
30 minutes @ £21.00 per lesson	£294.00

\*There is also the option of signing up for lessons on a half-termly basis (7 lessons).

In other news, if parents/carers are looking for a choir to join, the HGS Community Choir rehearse on Mondays, 5-6pm at HGS, directed by Andrew Matthews. All are welcome - no prior experience is necessary, and there are no auditions.

If you would like to sign your son/daughter up for lessons, or would like to join the choir, please contact [HGS Encore@rklt.co.uk](mailto:HGS Encore@rklt.co.uk) or visit <https://lunchpal.co.uk> for more information.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs K Twitchin**  
Teacher of Music and Encore! Lead

## **What is Encore!?**

Encore! is the name of the instrumental, vocal and drama teaching provision at Harrogate Grammar School. We also provide music tuition at Western Primary School and Oatlands Junior School. Encore! has been designed to provide an effective transition for all pupils to continue with or start lessons from primary school onwards.

## **Who is eligible for lessons?**

Any pupil is eligible for instrumental or vocal lessons. You do not need to have had previous tuition elsewhere; our emphasis is on providing quality tuition for all pupils from year 3 to 6. If you have always wanted to try a musical instrument, have a go!

## **What are the instrument or vocal options?**

Encore! offers tuition in the following disciplines at Western Primary School:

- Vocals
- Woodwind - Flute, Recorder
- Brass - Cornet, Trumpet, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, (please enquire regarding availability before application)
- Strings - Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass
- Guitar - Acoustic, Classical, Electric & Bass
- Ukulele
- Piano / Keyboard

## **Who are the lessons with?**

We have formed a team of highly qualified and talented professional musicians and teachers who work in partnership with us. They all hold an enhanced DBS certificate and undertake safeguarding training on a regular basis.

## **When do the lessons take place?**

The lessons will take place during afternoons of the normal school day and are timetabled at fixed so that minimal disruption is caused to students' school timetables. Occasionally lessons may also be available after school.

## **How do I know that students will enjoy it?**

There are opportunities to sign up for a 7 or 14 - week taster period. Teachers will demonstrate the instruments and give you the opportunity to have a go when practical.

## **What if I do not have my own instrument?**

We recommend using the hire to buy options with Music House in Harrogate - <https://www.windstruments.co.uk/>. However, Red Kite Learning Trust owns a number of instruments that are available for loan to pupils who are taking lessons with Encore! Please ask via email for more details on the availability of specific instruments. Loan periods may need to be capped to allow more pupils to start particular instruments and loan prices reflect the value of the individual instrument.

## **How much does it cost?**

We offer two individual (one-to-one) lesson lengths:

Individual lesson length	Termly (14 lessons)*
20 minutes @ £15.00 per lesson	£210.00
30 minutes @ £21.00 per lesson	£294.00

There is no difference in price to study different instruments. Paired tuition may be available – please email enquiries to [HGS Encore@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:HGS Encore@hgs.rklt.co.uk).

### **How do I pay for lessons?**

Payment is required termly in advance via <https://www.lunchpal.co.uk>.

### **We get free school meals - will we get a discount on the cost?**

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals will be entitled to a 75% discount on 20-minute individual lessons for one instrument only. Please email [HGS Encore@rklt.co.uk](mailto:HGS Encore@rklt.co.uk) to request a discount code.

### **When can I start?**

Encore! lessons are available from the start of each term. If you wish to start lessons part way through the academic year, please first check availability by completing this [online form](#). Whereas we will make every effort to ensure that students can receive music tuition, it is dependent on the availability of suitable tutors. If there is not space in the timetable, applicants will be placed on a waiting list or recommended towards an alternative route for tuition.

### **What do I do next?**

To check availability, please complete this [online form](#). To pay for lessons, please visit <https://www.lunchpal.co.uk>. We will then be in touch with you regarding your lessons and when they will start. Payment is required in full before lessons can start.

## **Terms and Conditions for Encore! Instrumental, Vocal and Drama Tuition**

1. Full payment is required in advance via the 'LunchPal' online shop (<https://www.lunchpal.co.uk>). Purchasing a block of lessons does not guarantee lessons. Please first check availability by completing this [online form](#).
2. Payment constitutes an agreement to proceed with lessons for the term.
3. Discounts: one discount is available per student per term for one set of lessons. If your code does not work please contact [hgsencore@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:hgsencore@hgs.rklt.co.uk) before paying.
4. Late applications will be accepted subject to tutor availability, but there may be a delay in starting lessons as timetables will have to be adjusted.
5. Proof of entitlement to the Working Tax Credit discount must be provided to the Finance Office before a Discount Code can be issued. This code can only be used once against the cheapest set of lessons.
6. If a student is unable to attend their timetabled lesson for a legitimate reason and with a minimum notice period of at least 3 working days being given to the teacher/music department (preferably by email), the teacher will try to reschedule the lesson.
7. In the event that a tutor is unavailable for a lesson, the lesson will not be deducted from the block of lessons that you have signed up for.
8. Students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons. If a student misses their timetabled lesson, this will still come off the block of lessons you have signed up for. Regular absences may be reported to parents/carers via their email addresses. Regular absence where the student is in school and does not give at least 24 hours' notification may result in ineligibility for lessons or discounted fees in the future.
9. Any discounts for the following term's lessons are subject to satisfactory attendance and behaviour.
10. Students are expected to attend all lessons with suitable equipment and music.