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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Musical Instrument Lessons at Swindon Academy

At Swindon Academy, we are proud of our thriving and busy music department. In addition to our classroom lessons, we also have a team of visiting music teachers who teach specialist musical instruments in small group lessons. Throughout term 5 and 6, we have trialled this with pupils from years 10 and 12 and from September, will expand the music lessons to pupils from years 7, 8 and 9.

We are pleased to be able to offer the following instruments from September:

- Piano
- Drum Kit
- Guitar (including Bass and Ukulele)
- Singing

Below is some key information:

- The instrumental lessons will be 25 minutes long.
- Lessons do take place throughout the school day and therefore students are expected to catch up with any work missed from their classes.
- Lessons come in blocks of 10 = 30 lessons over the entire academic year.

Learning an instrument has been proven to have many benefits. This includes social, academic and raising self-esteem as well as being able to perform at the many opportunities the Academy offers.

At the Academy we heavily subsidise this provision so that as many as students as possible can engage. The costs are listed below.

Instrument lessons Price List (2021/2022):

- 25-minute group lesson** (2/3 pupils) = £2 per week (£20 total for 10 weeks tuition/£60 for 30 lessons spread over the academic year)
- For students in receipt of Free School Meals the costs for a 25-minute group lesson** = £1 per week (£10 in total for 10 weeks tuition / £30 for 30 lessons spread over the academic year)

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****The costs without any subsidy would be £8 per pupil per lesson (based on 3 students sharing a 25-minute lesson)**

If you would like to sign your child up for music lessons, please scan the QR code below and complete the form. Please be aware that spaces are limited for each instrument and therefore it will be based on a first come first served basis.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Helen', enclosed within a light grey rectangular border.

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