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Dear Parents/Guardians

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION

Bishop Wordsworth's School (BWS) is proud of its long tradition of music making and there are many choral and instrumental opportunities available to your son at the school. I write to give you details of our instrumental teaching scheme which your son may wish to join when he arrives here.

We can provide lessons in the following instruments:

Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto & Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet/Cornet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Acoustic/Electric & Bass Guitar, Piano, Organ, Drum Kit and Voice

All our teachers are employed on a **private (self-employed)** basis and will invoice you for lessons themselves. Their fees will not be greater than **£42 per hour**, and the teacher should deliver around 30 lessons throughout the academic year. Lesson times will vary between twenty minutes and half an hour, depending on the teacher, and the standard of the pupil. Your son's instrumental teacher will have their own set of terms and conditions (regarding things like cancellation of lessons), which they will send you prior to September. They will also contact you by email before September, so that a channel of communication is established.

All pupils having lessons at Bishops' are given access to, and required to use, PracticePal which is an app for you and your son to access their music timetable and it offers a means for communicating with the teachers as well. The cost of this is £5 for the year and the Finance department will contact you directly in September.

It is preferred that pupils have their own instruments but please do contact me if you currently do not own one. Our instrument stock at Bishop's is limited but I can advise where to hire or purchase instruments from.

**Please note that school insurance does NOT cover pupils' instruments whilst they are in school.
Parents will need to make their own insurance arrangements.
There are storerooms in Bishopgate dedicated to daytime instrument storage.**

So that I can place a confirm teaching hours with our instrumental teachers for, I would ask you to use the following link by **Friday 5th July**. <https://forms.gle/BiC73o5iEaCiXvMc7>

If you wish for your son to have lessons on more than one instrument, please complete the form as many times as necessary.

With very best wishes

Mr Lewis Edney
Director of Music

