



13 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Musical Instrument and Voice Tuition at QEHS**

If your child would like to start or to continue playing a musical instrument or learn singing, we have a wide range of music tuition available at QEHS (see list on pages 2 and 3). If your child has received musical instrument or voice tuition at their current school, they will be able to continue tuition on the same instrument at HMS or they may wish to start learning an instrument or voice as a beginner.

The vast majority of our peripatetic music staff are contracted on a self-employed basis and contracts are arranged between parents and the instrument teacher in advance of lessons starting. All fees are paid directly to the teacher. Where the music teacher (drums, accordion, harp) is contracted by Music Partnership North, fees are paid directly to that organisation, but the teacher will give you information about this when you get in touch.

You can find out specific information such as the cost of lessons once you are in touch with the relevant teacher. It is common practice for lessons to be paid termly or in blocks of ten lessons but always in advance of lessons starting. Most lessons are taught on a one-to-one basis though some teachers offer small group lessons.

Lesson times will generally rotate on a weekly basis to prevent pupils missing the same curriculum lesson each week. All instrument teachers provide timetables to be displayed in school as well as sending them to you directly. Please note that if a pupil misses a lesson, it is still chargeable; though if you give the teacher enough advance warning, they will endeavour to move the lesson time, for example: in the event of a school trip taking place.

All of our teachers are highly qualified and several perform professionally. All teach to exam standard, and all children will have the opportunity, if they wish, to take recognised examinations with exam boards such as the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music; Trinity & Guildhall; RSL.

#### **School Responsibility**

- We will ensure that the necessary safeguarding checks are completed
- We will provide the room facilities in school time for the tuition

#### **Tutor Responsibility**

#### **Queen Elizabeth High School**

Whetstone Bridge Road, Hexham, NE46 3JB

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- Provide the tuition as requested by the parent/carer
- Communicate lesson times to school, parents and the student
- Provide the schedule of charging and the fee for the lesson(s) requested
- Invoice the parent/carer for the tuition

## Parent/Carer Responsibility

- Authorise the release of your child from normal timetabled lessons in school to attend the music tuition lessons
- Deal directly with the music tutor regarding any quality assurance matters
- Pay invoices will be direct to the tutor as per their terms and conditions
- Give permission for the school to pass this contact information to the relevant music tutor (as per form which is linked in this email).

## What next?

If you would like your child to continue their tuition, or to start to play a new instrument/voice at QEHS, please complete the form [HERE](#). By completing this form, you give permission for Queen Elizabeth High School to give your contact details to the relevant music tutor to enable them to contact you directly. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [admin@qehs.net](mailto:admin@qehs.net)

## Tuition offered at QEHS:

Teacher	Tuition Available	Additional Information
Mr D. Ward	Drums	
Mr N. Pride	Guitar/Bass Guitar	
Mr R. Dudley	Guitar/Bass Guitar	
Mr C. Watson	Singing/Piano/Music Theory	
Mrs F. Lander	Saxophone/Clarinet/Piano	
Mrs B. Hignett	Singing	
Mrs S. Roberts	Strings	Violin, Viola (beginner to advanced), Cello, Double Bass (beginner)

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Mr B. Stewart	Flute	
Mr D. Hignett	Brass	Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
Miss H. Ferrier	Accordion	Instruments can be loaned
Mrs K. Rowell	Harp	Instruments can be loaned

Please note that we also offer a range of extra-curricular music opportunities, such as Wind Band, Show Choir, Jazz Band, QEHS Choir, String Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Orchestra, Hydroholics (folk band) so I do hope that students will also get involved with these, leading to our many performances! More information about these will be available at the extra-curricular fair in September, as well as posters around school and on the school's social media and website pages.

Yours sincerely

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**Curriculum Leader of Music**

**Hexham Middle School and Queen Elizabeth High School**

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