



# HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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## Instrumental Music Lessons

Dear Parents and Carers

We are continuing to build our Creative Arts and Technology (CA&T) department and are looking forward to getting back into our studios and classrooms to explore new work. I'm sure you would have noticed that during lockdown, services such as Netflix, Disney+, YouTube, Prime, National Theatre, RSC and iPlayer have seen a massive rise in the number of users. It is further proof that the Arts industry is something that we all turn to in order to help us make sense of the world around us. The Government has announced today a £1.57 billion lifeline to ensure that this thriving employment sector can survive.

Even though we had to make the heart-breaking decision to pause instrumental music lessons during school closure, we are very much looking forward to getting them back up and running next academic year. Mr Derry and I are currently going through the guidance from the DfE to make sure that these lessons run safely and effectively. Measures include using a larger room than our current practice room and ensuring that student's have their own instrument or equipment to avoid cross contamination. Teachers will be required to clean down the area in between students. We may not however be able to offer the full menu of lessons in September and I thank you for your patience on this. The more information I have on student's wishing to take lessons, the better prepared we can be for September.

Here at Henley Bank High School we have several options for instrumental lessons. We currently have tutors for:

- Guitar
- Piano
- Bass
- Singing
- Drums

We are also looking at beginning lessons in Stringed instruments, Woodwind, Brass and Music Production. Students receive 10 lessons per term and last 30 minutes each. There is the option of having lessons individually or as a pair which will obviously change the cost, with various payment plans available.

Prices are as follows:

- Individual lessons: £150 per term
- Paired lessons: £75

Pupil Premium students will be eligible for support with lessons, the amount will depend on the commitment to the lessons. Please contact, in confidence, if you would like to discuss this further. We do obviously hope that students taking part in lessons will contribute to the wider musical life of the school with a variety of concert and performance opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions at [hbenfield@henleybankhighschool.co.uk](mailto:hbenfield@henleybankhighschool.co.uk). There will be a Google Form alongside this letter to register your interest. Even if you have had lessons in the past, **please fill in the form by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

Yours Faithfully

Mrs H Benfield

**Assistant Headteacher**

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