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Dear Blaise Families

Instrumental lessons

At Blaise High School we provide the opportunity for your child to take lessons on a range of musical instruments. Music lessons are a fantastic opportunity for students to build their skillset, increase their confidence, and develop their creativity.

We work with a team of peripatetic teachers who are able to offer these instruments at the following rates:

Instrument	Options
Piano/keyboard	£15 per 30 minute individual lesson
Guitar/bass/ukulele	£10 per 20 minute individual lesson, £15 per 30 minute individual lesson £7.50 per 30 minute paired lesson (subject to availability)
Singing	£10 per 20 minute individual lesson, £15 per 30 minute individual lesson
Drums	£10 per 20 minute individual lesson, £15 per 30 minute individual lesson

Students are expected to provide their own instrument (with the exception of pianos/keyboards/drum kits). If you are opting for drum lessons, the drum teacher has requested that you bring your own drum sticks ear plugs/defenders. However, there are a number of instruments that can be hired from Bristol Beacon, the music hub for Bristol, at very reasonable rates. *If you wish to learn a different instrument than those listed above, please contact Mrs Giblin in order for us to look into further opportunities.*

We are keen for every child to be able to receive the same opportunities at Blaise High. Therefore, if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Giblin at giblinz@blaisehighschool.co.uk if you wish to apply for a possible subsidy to reduce the cost of these lessons.

Lessons will be delivered during term time, which will be 10 lessons per term. All lessons must be paid for in advance for the next term.

Please note that payment is due at the end of each term, in preparation for next term's lessons.

You will be expected to make payments via ParentPay for the full amount.

As soon as you have applied, we will request the lessons from the teacher, and add the costs to ParentPay for you to pay the bill. Please do this promptly in order for lessons to commence.

If you wish for your child to stop receiving lessons, a half term written notice must be posted or handed to Mrs Giblin, as the music teachers' time is booked a half term in advance.

Your child's lesson times will rotate each week, so that your child does not miss the same academic lessons. Your child will be responsible for checking the time of their lessons on the music noticeboard in the yellow corridor and to arrive on time. Any missed lessons will not be refunded, so attendance to school is important in order not to miss lessons that have been paid for. It is not the visiting teacher's job to collect the child from lessons. Students are encouraged to write their lesson times down and they will be issued with a class pass to excuse them from their timetabled lesson. Your child will be expected to mention to the teacher at the start of their academic lesson that they will need to be excused in order to attend a music lesson.

If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons please complete the form [on this link](#) and press submit. Please note that the school must receive the application and payment will be arranged through Rose Copperstone in our finance team who will contact you in due course.

Please find a brief summary of this letter [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Z Giblin
Associate Assistant Headteacher