

June 2022

Dear Family,

Instrumental Lessons – Half Term 1 (September – October 2022)

There are a variety of musical instruments your child can learn at Thorns Collegiate Academy in our next block of 6 lessons beginning from **Monday 12th September 2022**. Instruments we offer are:

Provided by Thorns:

- Drum kit*
- Brass (trumpet, cornet, French horn, tuba*, trombone*)
- Keyboard
- Clarinet
- Voice

Provided by Dudley Performing Arts (see page 2):

See below for information how to sign up for these lessons

- Guitar (electric, acoustic, bass, ukulele)
- Woodwind (flute, saxophone, oboe, bassoon)
- Violin, viola, cello, double bass.
- *Others upon request*

*=one to one only

Lessons provided by Thorns

Lessons will be held for 20 minutes each week on a rotating basis, so your child does not miss the same lesson regularly. They will be issued with a timetable which will act as an instrument pass to allow them to leave their lesson and attend instrumental teaching as well as allowing access to the music department to practice.

Lessons must be paid for through ParentPay and are charged at a rate of £12 per one-to-one lesson, or £6 for a group lesson (maximum of 3 students). **This is non-refundable if your child chooses not to attend a lesson or stop attending completely at any point in the block. Please pay the full amount of £72 by Monday 17th October.** This can be done in instalments of your choice. Failure to pay the full balance on time may result in your child not receiving lessons next term. A missed lesson by the teacher will be recuperated.



Lessons will commence from **Monday 12th September**. This will appear as a one-to-one lesson to begin with until there are enough students to group them with and the amount owed will drop. Any excess payment will be refunded upon request, or you can choose to use it to help pay for the next block.

Payment will be on a 'rolling contract' basis in which the amount owed will continue to increase on the same ParentPay tab. If your child no longer wishes to continue with lessons payment will be expected until we are notified before the next block commences.

We have a small number of instruments to loan to students (except drum kit and keyboard) to support the initial learning, but individual purchase is encouraged. This can be done online or in person at instrument shops. You can find information about accessing financial support in purchasing an instrument at www.takeitaway.org.uk.

Please complete the form linked <https://forms.office.com/r/JTFyTUuXaU> before **Monday 11th July**. This confirms your child's place and will immediately allocate time for your child's lesson. The payment amount will then be added to your ParentPay account for you to pay from September. If your child wishes to learn more than one instrument, please complete a separate form for each instrument. **Your child will continue to be registered for lessons and payment expected termly until we are notified they no longer wish to continue.**

Lessons provided by Dudley Performing Arts (DPA)

To sign up for these instruments please follow the instructions on <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>

Teacher, lesson time and payment are all handled by DPA. You will be able to contact the teacher following sign up.

If you have any questions about either of the instrument lesson options, please email me at dwormald@tca.shirelandcat.net

Yours sincerely,

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