

## **INSTRUMENTAL and VOCAL LESSONS at KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL**

### **Important information for parents and students**



1. The majority of students will be taught by members of the visiting music staff. Such staff are private, self-employed teachers and will therefore, in all respects of fees, arranging of lessons and contractual matters, deal directly with parents.
2. Fees differ between individual teachers but are generally around £18 per half hour lesson and are invoiced per term or half term.
3. Students will generally receive one 30-minute lesson weekly during term time. Over a whole year this is likely to total about 33 lessons.
4. Lessons missed because of a student's absence will be charged for unless 24 hours' notice has been received. It is the responsibility of both student and parent to inform their music teacher of any absence, whether this is due to a school commitment or not. In the case of staff illness then staff will endeavour to re-schedule the lesson, or will not charge.
5. Students in GCSE and A level years will be expected to attend lessons during periods of study leave unless prior arrangements have been mutually agreed between teacher and student.
6. Some orchestral instruments are available for hire by students. Insurance of all instruments (hired or owned) is the responsibility of parents. Parents may wish to check with their home contents insurance provider whether instruments need to be listed separately on their policy. The hire of these instruments is intended to help students in starting an instrument without the initial expense of purchase. It is not intended that these instruments will be hired for a student's entire school career. All piano students need a piano at home, or regular access to one; similarly students who wish to learn drums will need access to instruments for practice.
7. Pupils who have reached the necessary standard will be strongly encouraged to participate in the various musical activities of the school. All pupils learning an instrument are encouraged to sing in a choir to aid aural development.
8. If lessons are to be discontinued, ONE TERM'S NOTICE OF TERMINATION must be made in writing, both to the teacher and to the Head of Instrumental Studies, by the beginning of the term following which tuition is to cease. If this is not given, a charge of one term's fees may be made in lieu of notice.