



January 2022

Name .....  
Tutor .....  
Instrument .....

Dear Parent / Carer

**RE: INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

I am writing to you as your child has recently expressed an interest, through a music student voice activity, in the possibility of receiving instrumental tuition in school and learning more about it. Having had a successful term in music I am overjoyed at this interest.

This letter explains how to apply for instrumental tuition at South Dartmoor and what lessons might be available. Our instrumental tutors are self-employed and once lessons have commenced any communication should in the first instance be with the individual tutor.

Lessons will usually take place in College time [times outside this can be arranged with the instrumental tutor]. A rota system is in place where students are released from lessons. All tuition will take place in the Music Department Practice Rooms, where instruments can also be stored.

There is significant research surrounding the benefits of learning a musical instrument as it not only sustains and feeds the brain, but it also improves many other cognitive and physical aspects of the human body. Instruments can be accessed in music curriculum lessons, in our clubs and beyond Key stage 3 for GCSE and Music courses. Students are quick to adapt to new routines and starting an instrument is a positive and exciting opportunity at South Dartmoor. Teachers and instrumental tutors will support all new students in starting lessons and music making within the College.

**Instruments**

We have guitars / bass guitars / drum kits / pianos available to use in lessons. If your son / daughter does not own an instrument, there are instrument hire schemes available through Devon County <https://www.devon.gov.uk/schcomms/sc/072018-5886/>. South Dartmoor also operates an instrumental purchase scheme where students in full time education can purchase instruments with no VAT through our finance department. For further information or advice please email [rjlewis@southartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:rjlewis@southartmoor.devon.sch.uk).

**Payment**

Approximately 35 lessons are given each year, which vary in length depending on the tutor and the student. Instrumental tutors will submit their invoice to parents each term and any necessary adjustments will be made in the following term. Rates for lessons are fixed by each tutor and parents will be informed of the rate the tutor intends to charge.

**Cancelling Tuition**

One month's written notice, given to both the instrumental tutor and the Music Department will be required before lessons will be cancelled.

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## Lessons Available

Flute	Strings	Drum Kit and Percussion
Clarinet	Piano	Composition
Oboe	Guitar and Bass Guitar	Voice
Saxophone	Theory	Brass

If you would like lessons to be arranged for your son or daughter please complete the request form below or email [rjlewis@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:rjlewis@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk) with the information. Once the request has been processed you will be contacted by the Instrumental Tutor or a member of staff.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Rachel Lewis  
Music Teacher

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## Instrumental Tuition Request Form please complete and return

### FAO Rachel Lewis

Student Name: .....

Student Contact Tel No .....

Instrument .....

Standard / Grade / Length of time playing instrument

### Parent/Carer details:

Email address: .....

Contact number: .....

Contact name: .....

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