



# The Venerable Bede Church of England (Aided) Secondary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Instrumental Lessons

It is the start of a new school year, and with it comes a new set of musical opportunities at your child's fingertips.

Throughout the year we have an exciting line-up of musical clubs and events that we would love your child to be involved in. Details of these are on the back of this letter.

*"Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul."*

- Plato

A musical talent is one that never leaves you, and through music young people can learn to express themselves and develop socially and mentally. If your child has an interest in music or already plays an instrument then we would like to arrange for them to take instrument lessons with us. We have expert musicians working with us who give instrument tuition lessons on Keyboard, Guitar, Drums and Singing. Other instruments can also be chosen, subject to availability, as it is often possible to find another teacher.

In these 30 minute lessons, which take place once a week during the school day, students of all abilities are given the guidance they need to both improve and enjoy their playing, right from beginners to advanced musicians. The price for lessons is £60.00 per term (about £5 per lesson), which is incredible value compared with private lessons. All you need to do is fill in the attached reply slip and return it, along with the payment to the School Office as soon as possible.

Any queries that may affect your child accessing lessons should be addressed, in the first instance, to Mrs Pink or Mrs Hunter (Finance Officers).

Yours faithfully

**Mr P Walton**  
Teacher of Music



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## Upcoming Musical Clubs and Events 2011-12

- **Soul Band** - our “band-school” in which students are given the skills to perform on their instrument or sing as part of a pop/rock/soul group by professional musicians with experience of the region’s music industry.
- **Choir** – A talented group, performing traditional music and choral versions of popular songs. We are always looking for new members, and if you like singing you’ll love this.
- **Play Up** – performance and instrument skills offered to Year 5 & 6 in our feeder primaries. This year, our own GCSE Music students will be acting as mentors to our young musicians.
- **Band Nights** – showcases of talent from all our musicians ranging from the school’s Soul Bands, to solo singers/instrumentalists, to self-managed bands of Year 10 & 11 students.
- **Christmas Concert** – traditional and modern music, featuring the choir and other performances.
- **School Musical** – a combination of drama and show-tunes music, with an all-student cast, crew and band.
- **Salvation Army/Venerable Bede Collaboration** – After the success of last year’s concert we have invited the Salvation Army Band back for an evening of musical partnership with our students again.



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# Instrument Lessons Reply Slip

Name of Student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Please begin music lessons for:

Keyboard  Guitar  Drums

Singing  Other: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Relationship to Student: .....

**Please return this reply slip and payment to the School Office**



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