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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Instrumental Tuition — Give your child the gift of music!**

I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of the fantastic musical opportunities that are available to your son/daughter. Ordinarily, on transition day we would give a short concert to all Year 6 students introducing them to some of the instruments and tuition available from the school Music Department. I hope that we might be able to do this early in the new year.

Your child has so many opportunities at this school and lessons are available in:

**Piano**

**Keyboard**

**Voice** (*Classical/ Musical Theatre/ Pop*)

**Drums**

**Guitar** (*Classical/ Acoustic/ Electric/Bass*)

**Brass** (*Cornet/ Trumpet/ Tenor Horn/ French Horn/ Baritone/ Euphonium/ Trombone/ Tuba*)

**Woodwind** (*Flute/ Clarinet/ Saxophone/ Bassoon*)

**Strings** (*Violin/Viola/Cello/Double Bass*)

We regularly welcome high-profile performers and ensembles into the school. In recent academic years we have been fortunate to have regular concert performances from the Huddersfield Philharmonic Orchestra, the Elland Silver Band and have hosted the Grimethorpe Colliery Band, as well as numerous other singer/ songwriters and popular acts. We already have a busy calendar of events planned for the coming academic year and many exciting trips and visits planned, all of which can be accessed by any students who regularly engage with the musical opportunities within school.

Music is part of the National Curriculum and students are currently given one hour of practical music lessons each week. These lessons are based around developing general musical skills, group work and confidence building.

We also encourage students to take part in one of the many activities that we put on throughout the year such as Wind Band, African Drumming, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, our various Pop ensembles, Rock School or the Brass Groups. We also have many smaller, popular music ensembles that use the Music Department's facilities to rehearse.

There are studies that prove that students who learn an instrument achieve more in other areas of the curriculum and although this should not be the sole reason for taking instrumental tuition it is worth noting that many of our current students have acquired more self confidence and feel a real purpose to being part of our thriving and expanding department.

There are many advantages to your son/daughter taking extra music tuition on an instrument or voice, the most important of which is enjoyment. They will also learn the skills of self-discipline and practice and will gain much from the experience of working alongside staff and other students.

***Please take the time to consider this fantastic opportunity. After all, 20% of kids learn Musical instruments, 70% of adults wish that they had.***

If you would like to apply for your son/daughter to have tuition, then please complete the online form on the Calderdale Music Trust Website:

<https://ukcalderdale.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Select "Face to face" lessons, find Brooksbank on the dropdown menu and search for the instrument that you would like to learn. *(Please note, that all valved brass instruments, Eg. Tenor Horn/Euphonium, you just select Trumpet)*

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me on:

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For enquiries on the sign-up process contact Calderdale Music Trust on:

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Thank you for taking an interest in music at The Brooksbank School. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

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