



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

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## Music Lessons at QMGS in September

Dear Parents,

As we come towards the end of what has been a most challenging and strange term for us all, I would like to offer some thoughts about what will happen regarding instrumental music lessons in September.

Firstly, I have had some very positive feedback about the current on-line lessons, and whilst they are not the same as face to face lessons, there has been some great work going on and pupils have been making good progress; thank you for your support in getting these off the ground.

Everybody is looking forward to getting back to school and some sense of normality in September but I honestly don't know at this stage whether we will be allowed to have music lessons face to face in school or whether they will remain 'on line'. I suspect it may be a mixture of both for a period. The important message however, is that **music lessons will continue in some shape or other!** I have read some important articles recently about the positive effect that participation in music has been having on peoples' mental health and general well-being during this lockdown period. We all know the benefits associated with participating in musical activity and the Headteacher remains as committed to enabling this to happen as ever.

In order to plan ahead for September and for us to ensure we have the right instrumental teachers in place, it would be helpful to know who is going to want instrumental lessons at school. We acknowledge that lessons during this next academic year are going to be different to normal and so we are reducing the cost of term 1 by 25%. Lessons will therefore cost £63 term 1 going to £83 for terms 2 & 3. (Piano lessons are slightly more expensive because there are no group lessons: term 1 £72. Terms 2 & 3 £97). Hire charges will remain the same at £45/year. As always, we strive to make this provision as cost effective as possible and I believe that this still represents good value for money as private lessons (including on line music lessons) are significantly more expensive.

(please complete this link if you would like to book instrumental lessons for your child from September:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=E1T1PdfOSEuPbjC8TawIT7wWjnXmE7VHkVAZAIPVlrZUQVZOWEVMNTFINjNaSjhPNVVBODRGTVBNNC4u>

I have asked the instrumental teachers to make sure our pupils have lots of 'fun' music to keep them occupied during the summer and I do hope you and your families have a great holiday.

Best wishes,

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