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Dear Parent/Carer

As we are approaching the end of the year, we are now in the process of organising the peripatetic music lessons for next year at the academy. If you are happy to support your child in learning an instrument, please fill in the form attached to this letter with your current details, and information regarding the instrumental/vocal lessons your child requires.

Kettering Buccleuch Academy is committed to offering a high standard of music education to its students and we are therefore proud to work alongside Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). KBA highly subsidise the work of the instrumental teachers who come in to the school. However, as explained in the application form, we do require a contribution from parents for these extra lessons, unless your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, in which case these lessons are free.

Lessons are organised on a rotating timetable, so that students are taken out of different lessons/lunchtimes each week in order to minimise disruption to their timetabled lessons. Each year has 33 scheduled lessons, and payment is split evenly between the terms (although the number of lessons per term may vary). There are two options for instrumental tuition: For students below grade 2 standard we offer paired lessons (at a cost of £65 per term), where the lessons will be shared between two students who attend lessons together. In this case, we will work with the instrumental teacher to find a suitable learning partner for your child who is working at a similar level. For those working at a standard above grade 2, you may decide to opt for individual lessons (at a cost of £120 per term), meaning your child will receive twenty minutes of one-to-one time with the teacher per week.

If you pay for the whole year upfront, you will receive a discount, therefore further reducing the costs to £175 annual fee for paired lessons, and £324 annual fee for individual lessons.

We work with the arrangement that payment must be made in advance of the lessons. The lessons will begin at the start of September, therefore, in order to guarantee a place for your child with a peripatetic teacher here, please return the attached form to student reception, and pay online by **Friday 4th September**. If you still have payments outstanding for the previous year's tuition, you will also have to ensure this is settled before a place will be gained on the timetable for the academic year 2020-2021.

Payment for lessons should be made online via the online payments system, under the title **20/21 MUSIC LESSONS**. To access the user guide and more information about this, please visit our website (www.kba.uk) then follow links to information>online payments>userguide.

First priority for allocation of lessons will go to students who are already receiving lessons, and the rest of the lessons will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If the application form is received after the deadline, we will do our best to accommodate your child's needs, but in the event that all spaces are filled for the chosen instrument we will form a waiting list and refund your initial payment.

Due to the current situation, lessons *may* be conducted via Microsoft Teams initially following the school's risk assessment, however we do anticipate that NMPAT teachers will be visiting the school from at least October half term.

Feel free to contact either me or a member of the school finance department if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully



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