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Dear Parents

2022 is an exciting year for us music-wise as we have launched our new comprehensive programme of instrumental and vocal tuition at Smithdon.

Through funding from the Norfolk Music Hub, we have been able to invest in new musical instruments and highly skilled peripatetic staff to enable a broad offer of tuition for our students.

Along with this, we have been able to offer a new and exclusive orchestral programme open only to Year 7s. **This involves free tuition for Year 7 students in brass, woodwind and string instruments.**

We hope that as many of our Year 7 students as possible will embrace the opportunity to either pursue an instrument that they have learnt before, or challenge themselves to try something new – and we still have spaces available.

For students who are interested in other instrumental lessons such as band instruments (guitar and drums) or singing and piano, these are also offered for tuition at our school at a subsidised rate.

Students are not required to own an instrument prior to taking part in lessons and **a free taster lesson can be arranged on request.** Lessons take place during the school day and are arranged on a rotating basis to avoid students missing the same academic lesson each week.

Instrumental tuition is available to students at any level and previous experience is not necessary. The emphasis is not only on developing the students' musical ability, but also on encouraging our students to participate in, or simply enjoy, music in some capacity while here at Smithdon.

With the support of an excellent team of visiting musicians, we look forward to growing the department, raising the high standards we already enjoy, and welcoming new student musicians to help us achieve these goals.

Please find attached a registration form along with our Learner Support Fund application form\*, which must be returned to myself in the music department.

We hope that students will be equally enthusiastic about our new provision.

Yours sincerely  
*A Miller*

**Miss A Miller**  
**Teacher of Music**

*\*The Learner Support Fund is available to families whose children receive free school meals, are on a low income or children who qualify for Pupil Premium support. These are assessed on a case-by-case basis and may entitle children to musical tuition at a further reduced rate (once the free lessons end or for the subsidised lessons).*

