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Dear Parents/Careers

Thursday 16th September – Meet the Instrumental Tutors

As part of your child's introduction to QEGS, we have organised an opportunity for Year 7 to meet some of our instrumental tutors and current students in the Music Department and find out about the different extra-curricular tuition we have on offer. They will be able to see all the instruments they could learn, listen to demonstrations, and even have a go at playing some of the instruments themselves.

Instrumental tuition is an optional extra available to all students at QEGS. It is a fantastic way to develop self-motivation, practice and performance skills that will benefit your child in later life. Research also shows that playing a musical instrument can enhance verbal memory, spatial reasoning and literacy skills. On top of all of that, it is great fun! Lessons are available in the following instruments:

- Piano
- Violin
- Viola
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French horn
- Euphonium and Tuba
- Drumkit
- Guitar
- Voice

Lessons last for 20 minutes and take place once a week during the school day – students are excused from their normal lessons to go to their instrumental lesson and a rota system is in place to make sure that no student misses the same lesson more than once in a half term.

As our lessons are provided by external tutors, a small charge applies per lesson. This varies slightly from tutor to tutor, but the average is around £8 a week. If your child is interested in lessons, they will be able to bring home a letter containing more details from our Meet the Tutors event. Some funding assistance may be available through the school to cover the cost of lessons or instrument hire. For information on funding assistance, please contact Mr Bawden on bawden@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact me directly on pettingale@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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