

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

QEGS Music Opportunities

I write to you to inform you of the exciting range of opportunities we have available in the Music department at QEGS. Music is a fantastic way to develop self-motivation, practice and performance skills that will benefit your child later in 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.

Instrumental tuition is an optional extra available to all students at QEGS. Lessons are available in the following instruments:

- Piano
- Violin/Viola
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Euphonium and Tuba
- Drums
- Guitar (electric and acoustic)
- Bass Guitar
- Voice

Lessons last for 20 or 30 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 charge applies per lesson. This varies slightly from tutor to tutor, but the average is around £10 a week.

There is various funding support available for students who review free school meals, pupil premium funding, or SEND provision. This varies between instruments, so please get in touch if this applies to your child.

We are looking to develop our brass and string provision, so we are particularly keen to hear from any students interested in learning the Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba or violin. If you do not have access to one of these instruments, the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership can loan instruments to students.

If your child is interested in lessons, please email atkins@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk and we will put you in touch with the relevant instrumental tutor.

In addition to instrumental/vocal lessons, our comprehensive co-curricular programme is now up and running. The opportunities available are detailed below:



Co-curricular in Music 2024-25 Lunchtimes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ukulele Club (RTU) 758 All years Instruments provided			QEGS String Ensemble (TAT) 758 All Years	Saxophone Group (NLI) 758 Clarinet Group (CRI) Practice Room 3



Co-curricular in Music 2024-25 After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Show (CPE/TAT/SCO) 3.30-5.30pm Main Hall All years	QEGS Choir (CPE) 3.30-4.30pm 757 All years	Concert Band (TAT) 3.30-4.30pm 757 All years (Woodwind and Brass players of all grades)	Show Band (CPE/TAT) 3.30-4.30pm 757 Invitation only (senior ensemble)	Chamber Choir (CPE) 3.30-4.30pm 757 Invitation only (senior ensemble)

Finally, this is advance notice that our annual Christmas Concert will take place this year, the evening of Thursday 12th December in the school hall, a fantastic way to kick off the festive season. Further details will follow after October half term.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr T Atkins
Curriculum Leader for Music