



Ridgeway Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hertfordshire Music Service are now managing all aspects of the school's instrumental and singing lessons, including enrolment and billing.

If your son/daughter has had lessons in the past or would now like to start learning an instrument, you need to apply directly to the Music service. Visit <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline> for more information and details on how to enrol for lessons.

Lessons will start from the **14th September**.

All lessons will be timetabled during the school day. Singing lessons are only available for individuals, with lessons available for 15, 20 or 30 minutes. If you require financial support for lessons, application forms are available on Hertfordshire Music Service's website. All remissions are available to students who live in Hertfordshire, attend a Hertfordshire academy and learn with an HMS instrumental teacher. Ongoing support is reliant on evidence of good attendance and effort in lessons.

Remission of Music Fees

Level One Support: 100%

Remission students in receipt of Free School Meals can apply for financial support of 100% of their instrumental lesson fees. A fee of £21 per term is charged in order to ensure this funded support will target the genuinely committed students and not be regarded as an "entitlement" purely based on financial eligibility.

Level Two Support: 50%

Remission students in receipt of certain benefits can apply for financial support of 50% of their instrumental lesson fees. Students entitled to the 50% remission do not pay the termly support fee.

COVID-19 Relief Fund 2020-21 25% Remission

In order to support families facing financial hardship due to COVID-19, HMS is making over £200,000 of Arts Council funding available for a non means tested remission fund. Students can receive a 25% remission for instrumental lessons by completing an application form.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me using the details below.

Yours sincerely

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