



Ref: AdRes/Comm/Lett/Dept/Music/AutTerm26

8th September 2026

Dear Parent /Carer

MUSIC TUITION – AUTUMN TERM SEPTEMBER 2026

We would like to ask if your child is interested in starting/continuing to learn a musical instrument at Culcheth High School in September.

Music plays a very important role in school life at Culcheth High School and many students have the opportunity to perform in concerts, musicals and local community events. The Music Department offers a range of extra curricular activities including Choir, Orchestra, String Group, Woodwind Group, Brass Group and a Rock Band Club.

Instrumental lessons are currently provided by Wigan Music Services with the prices listed below. **Prices shown are for 10 weeks in the Autumn Term 2026.**

	½ hour	Pupil Premium ½ hour	¾ hour	Pupil Premium ¾ hour	Group	Pupil Premium Group
Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone	£223.00	£167.25	£112	£84	£74.50	£55.88
Bassoon	£223.00	£167.25				
Violin	£223.00	£167.25	£112	£84	£74.50	£55.88
Brass	£223.00	£167.25	£112	£84	£74.50	£55.88
Piano/Keyboard	£223.00	£167.25	£112	£84	£74.50	£55.88
Drums	£223.00	£167.25	£112	£84	£74.50	£55.88
Guitar	£223.00	£167.25	£112	£84	£74.50	£55.88
Vocals	£223.00	£167.25	£112	£84	£74.50	£55.88

The lessons are organised during the school day, at lunchtime and before/after school depending on the peripatetic teachers' availability. You should be aware that in Years 7 to 10, it is unlikely your child would be given a lunch or after school slot due to preference being given to Year 11 and GCSE students. This means it is probable that your son/daughter would miss part of an academic lesson every week. We do, however, make every effort to accommodate special requests and to avoid core subjects wherever possible. Please note that group lessons can only be organised if there are adequate numbers to create a group. If a group lesson is not a possibility, then we would recommend a 15 minute lesson instead and you will then be charged accordingly.

If you would like a place for your son/daughter to commence/continue learning a musical instrument from September, please pay the term's fee, via ParentPay, **by 3pm on Wednesday 16th September 2026**. This will guarantee your child being timetabled for lessons week **commencing Monday 21st September 2026**. Please indicate if you would like to hire a school instrument, with the exception of drums, guitars, keyboards and pianos, for a fee of £10 and we will let you know if it will be available. You will need to ensure you indicate which instrument your child is choosing and the length of lesson – this must be typed in the "notes" field eg GUITAR – HALF HOUR – PLUS HIRE and then pay the correct amount according to the table above, including the hire charge if applicable. If you have any special requirements please indicate in the "notes" field also – these will be noted but not guaranteed.

Pupil Premium funding applies to all children who are in receipt of Free School Meals or who have been in receipt of Free School Meals at any point within the last six years or who is a Child in Care. We will subsidise 25% of the cost of music tuition for one instrument, (for a maximum of half an hour) for students in receipt of Pupil Premium. Please contact us if you are unsure whether this applies to your child.

ParentPay (online payments) enables you to pay for school visits; music tuition; events; revision guides and school meals. It will show you all items available for payment relevant to your child/children. This gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like, and gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely.

For your information...

- If your son/daughter is likely to miss a lesson due to an appointment, a school trip or other absence then a **refund unfortunately cannot be given**. It is required that your son/daughter should organise a swap in advance with another student and should inform their teacher accordingly.
- During exam time, it is also expected that the students make appropriate swaps in advance so as not to miss their lesson. If the peripatetic teacher is absent they will make up this lesson with your child within the Term.

Late payments cannot be accepted and therefore will not be timetabled for a lesson. This relates to ParentPay as well, once the deadline has passed it will be removed.

Please note that students will not be sent individual reminders about their lessons. They **must check the Instrumental Notice Board in the Music Department on a regular basis from Friday 18th September 2026.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



C Simms (Mr)
Teacher of Music



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FOR CASH/CHEQUE PAYMENTS ONLY

If paying by ParentPay do NOT return the reply slip but you must ensure you have completed the notes field with the instrument and length of lesson required, eg GUITAR – HALF HOUR and paid the correct amount especially if you are entitled to Pupil Premium.

If paying by cash/cheque please complete the slip below and hand in to Student Services with the correct amount.

If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium paying by cash/cheque please indicate the instrument you would like to learn, hand in the reply at Student Services and pay 25% of the fee, indicated above.

Name: _____ Form: _____

Instrument: _____ Length of Lesson: _____ (½; ¼ or Group)

Signed Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

Special Requests (these will be noted but not guaranteed) _____

Reply slip and money to be handed in to Student Services in a sealed envelope with Student Name and “Music Tuition” by 3pm on Wednesday 16th September 2026