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Music at Altrincham College: an introduction for new pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Head of Music, and want to let you know how much I'm looking forward to joining the school – at the same time as your child will be – this September!

One of my very first priorities is to ensure that all new pupils know about the wide range of outstanding musical opportunities on offer at Altrincham College, and to encourage them to join in and get involved with music right from the start.

Our weekly musical clubs and activities include choirs, bands and instrumental ensembles: we aim to provide for all levels of experience and attainment, and create regular performance opportunities for our musicians to work towards.

Tuition is also available in school, at an additional cost, on the following musical instruments:

Piano
Drum Kit & Percussion
Guitar, Bass Guitar & Ukulele
Singing
Steel Pans
Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn
Strings: Violin, Cello
Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone

All our visiting music teachers are highly qualified, have a track record of excellent results with pupils, and have the enhanced DBS appropriate to working with young people.

Lessons take place during the school day on a rota, to avoid the same curriculum lessons being missed.

We offer lessons in a pair/small group, and also individual lessons.

Learning to play a musical instrument or sing is life-enhancing for any child, helping them develop passions, skills and confidence that will last a lifetime. I hope you will want to seize these fantastic musical opportunities available at Altrincham College!

What to do next: *please read on to find out...*



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If your child would like to learn a musical instrument at school, please email me your expression of interest by Tuesday 1st September. In your email, please be sure to let me know:

Your child's name
Instrument requested
Preference for group or individual lessons
Any previous musical experience, or if they are a beginner

I will then email you with a booking form and breakdown of costs in the week beginning 7th September.

If your child currently has music lessons, and will continue to do so outside school, please also email me with details: child's name, instrument, standard. This will help me plan for the musical needs of all our new pupils.

My email address is: bmn@altrinchamcollege.com

I look forward to hearing from you, and welcoming your child to Altrincham College in September!

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Madden
Head of Music

