



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Subsidised Instrumental Lessons for Pupil Premium Students

As you are aware our vision at Newstead Wood School is that all students should benefit from the enriching and transformative power of extracurricular activity, especially music. This can be particularly powerful for those students who experience difficult financial circumstances. We are extremely grateful to Bromley Youth Music Trust (BYMT) for already contributing funding to provide music lessons for students in receipt of Pupil Premium (PP), and we hope these children will continue to benefit.

We have agreed over the summer with BYMT that the school is now funding 30% of the lesson fee each term for PP students. We will also be asking families to show their commitment to this learning by contributing 10%. In real terms, for a child to have a term of 15-minute lessons (£112.50) this means:

- Family contributes 10% = £11.25 per term
- School contributes 30% = £30.38 per term
- BYMT contributes 60% = £70.87 per term. There will also no longer be a charge for these students to hire a BYMT instrument or join a BYMT group.

### ***The impact of instrumental music learning on attainment at age 16: a pilot study' Professor Susan Hallam and Kevin Rogers***

*This study addresses the above, drawing on data on attainment at age 11 and 16 relating to 608 students, 115 of whom played a musical instrument. The findings showed that the young people playing an instrument showed greater progress and better academic outcomes than those not playing, with the greatest impact for those playing the longest.*

If you would like to access pupil premium funded music lessons please contact Mr Flanagan at [sflanagan@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:sflanagan@newsteadwood.co.uk) for further information.

Yours sincerely

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