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Headteacher: Mr G Green

July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Fakenham Academy, we are proud to have a lively and developing music department with many students participating in lessons with specialist instrumental teachers. Should your child be interested in learning an instrument, you can apply for lessons for Autumn term 2026. We offer lessons on the following instruments: voice, piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, tuba, violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Cost of Lessons

From 1st September 2026 lesson prices will change to **£95 per term**. This entitles your child to 10 x 30minute individual lessons over one term. Payment for the Autumn term (September to December) will be due in September however all subsequent terms will be due **one-half term in advance**. For example, January-April payment will be due in November and the April-July payment will be due in March. This will need to be paid on receipt of an invoice. For those in receipt of additional benefits please contact the school for more information on how we can support you. If you have already paid for lessons and your child decides to stop these partway through the term **no refunds will be offered**.

Additionally, there are changes to GCSE and A Level lessons. Moving forward, the school will fund 50% of the price of lessons for 5 terms. These will therefore cost £47.50 per term. Any additional instruments will be charged the full price of £95 per term. Students in receipt of Pupil Premium will have lessons fully funded for one instrument and will be charged full price for any additional instruments they wish to learn. Prices from Easter for Year 11 and 13 are yet to be confirmed and I will share this with you nearer the time.

Exam Fees

If your child chooses to take a graded music exam, then you will be required to pay these fees and support and encourage your child's practice.

Instruments

We have access to a range of instruments that your child could borrow to study, so please do contact us if you would like to discuss this further. You may also be required to buy strings or reeds and music books for your child to play from.

Practice

To succeed at an instrument, it is vital that your child practises regularly (about 20 minutes, three times a week is a good guideline) and we very much value your encouragement and support in this area.

Ensembles

Every child who learns an instrument will be expected to join an appropriate ensemble when they reach the required standard.

If your child wishes to stop lessons at any point, we must be given at least 6 weeks (one half term) notice.

If your child wishes to begin music lessons, please e-mail me (address below) before **Thursday 16th July**.

Yours sincerely,

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