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Subject: Instrumental tuition at Outwood Academy Ripon for September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning a musical instrument is one of the most rewarding experiences a young person can have. Beyond the joy of mastering a new skill, study after study shows that learning music deeply enriches a child's wider education. It enhances cognitive development, improves math and language skills, and builds the resilience and focus that benefit students across all their academic subjects. At Outwood Academy Ripon, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience these incredible benefits.

Our new in-house model allows us to offer versatile options tailored to your child's needs. Tutors will invoice parents directly at the start of each half-term. Lessons take place on a weekly basis and timetables are rotated on that day so that students do not miss the same lesson each week.

Lesson Type	Lesson Length	Cost Per Lesson
Paired Lesson	20 minutes	£8.00
Individual Lesson	20 minutes	£16.00
Individual Lesson	30 minutes	£24.00

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We want to ensure that financial barriers do not stop a child from learning an instrument. If your child is eligible for **free school meals** and you require financial support, we offer a subsidised pathway:

- The Academy offers a subsidised rate of **£4.00 per lesson** for a paired 20-minute session (invoiced to you by the tutor).
- To cover the remaining £4.00, you will need to apply for our Hardship Fund Grant. Once approved, the Academy pays this balance directly to the tutor on your behalf.

If your child is interested in starting to learn an instrument this September, we would love to welcome them!

To register your interest and secure a slot, please complete our quick Google Sign-Up Form below. We would like to finalise timetables over the summer so that lessons can commence during the second week of the September term.

New Music Lesson Sign Up Form

On the form, you will be able to:

1. Select which instrument your child wishes to learn.
2. Choose your preferred lesson length and format (paired or individual).
3. Give permission for us to share your contact details with the relevant tutor so they can introduce themselves and arrange invoicing.
4. Indicate if you would like further information on how to apply for the Hardship Fund Grant.

Thank you for your support in helping us grow a vibrant, music-filled culture at the Academy. We look forward to welcoming our new musicians in September!

Yours sincerely,

Amber Southern

Head of Creative and Performing Arts