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Dear Families

## Music Department Welcome 2023

As the new Curriculum Lead for Music at Sackville I would like to thank students and families for the welcome they have given me, as well as taking this opportunity to encourage your child to consider getting involved in the wider musical life of the school, something I know that many students are already enthusiastically doing! It goes without saying that I would wholeheartedly endorse music making as both an excellent way to meet new friends and enrich children's engagement with the school community, whilst also encouraging skills such as resilience, independence and creativity which can be so beneficial to students as they develop into young adults.

## Instrumental Lessons

At Sackville School we offer a wide range of peripatetic lessons in music for all our students from year 7 to year 13. Most of our peripatetic teachers are self-employed making it quick and easy to speak with them directly about any questions you may have. All peripatetic teachers have undertaken an enhanced disclosure in order to work in school and lessons all take place in our five purpose-built practice rooms. Lessons can be provided for the following instruments:

- **Singing** – in a range of styles from Musical theatre to classical and pop  
<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>
- **Brass** - Trumpet, Trombone, Cornet, Horn etc. <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>
- **Piano** - Denise Robinson: 01825 733491
- **Woodwind** - Flute, Clarinet, Oboe and Saxophone - Sally Hartley: [info@sallyhartleymusic.co.uk](mailto:info@sallyhartleymusic.co.uk)
- **Violin & Viola** - Wendy Cooper: [stringsounds42@gmail.com](mailto:stringsounds42@gmail.com)
- **Cello** - Anna Ryder: [annarydermusic@outlook.com](mailto:annarydermusic@outlook.com)
- **Guitar** - Acoustic, Electric, Classical, Electric Bass. Jak Chantler: [nannynewc@hotmail.com](mailto:nannynewc@hotmail.com)
- **Drums** – Sam Barnes: [sambarnesdrums@gmail.com](mailto:sambarnesdrums@gmail.com)

In general, you will need to provide an instrument if your child would like to have lessons, there is a locked cupboard where they can be stored throughout the day. Some instruments are available to loan from [westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://westsussexmusic.co.uk), please contact them through their website for more information.

There is a cost for each instrumental lesson and this varies slightly from teacher to teacher and various lesson lengths are sometimes available. The lessons take place during or after the school day and can be up to 30 minutes long. Please note that you will be required to pay for peripatetic lessons at the beginning of each term and you will need to provide a term's written notice in order to cancel lessons. Each teacher aims to operate a rota system for our students so that their lesson time changes regularly to avoid missing the same school subject lessons. Please contact the specific music teacher via their preferred contact (email, website etc), which is provided above, for further details.

Ben Whitcher, our brass teacher, is currently offering free taster sessions, and if your child would be interested in trying one of these instruments out then please do get in touch with either myself or Ben directly - [ben.whitcher@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:ben.whitcher@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

### Extra-Curricular Groups

As well as individual and small group lessons, we offer a varied program of groups during the week at Sackville; please see the autumn term timetable below. These groups are open to all students who wish to participate, either on voice or their own instrument, and I look forward to seeing lots of our talented musicians joining us for rehearsals and our upcoming calendar of events, details of which will follow later in the term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sackville Singers Lunchtime		Ukulele Group Lunchtime	KS4&5 Band 3.00pm-4.00pm  Production Tech Club 3.00pm-4.30pm	KS3 Band 3.00pm-4.00pm

I am really looking forward to getting involved in the musical life of Sackville and I hope that many of our students will join us in the music department. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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