

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Booking Music Lessons at Ridgewood High School- 27th September 2023

We are writing to inform you that the booking window for instrument/voice lessons at Ridgewood High School, has been extended by one week, to **27th September 2023**. We have very high numbers of students wanting to take lessons with our incredible staff and as such, spaces will be first come- first served. We have recently had waiting lists of students wanting to take lessons, so if your child is a new Year 7, or a student wishing to start music lessons, we urge you to book as soon as possible.

For students in Year 10 and 11 studying GCSE Music, performance is a compulsory requirement of the course, and as such your child must be having weekly music lessons. If you are concerned about the financial cost, please contact me to discuss how we can support your child.

If your child is in Year 7, 8, or 9 music lessons are hugely beneficial to your child's musical development, and it has been proven to boost academic gains in all areas of the curriculum. Music tuition provides valuable social development opportunities, through access to extra-curricular ensembles and groups, and develops students into well-rounded young adults, with a resilience and desire to succeed. Lessons are provided in school during school hours, and should you wish, instrument hire can be provided.

We are continuing to work with Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) to provide music lessons in school. The team at DPA have decades of experience, and are the best qualified, and largest provider of music education in our area. Students in all years, but particularly in Key Stage 4 have had a track record of making dramatic improvement through the DPA tuition, and the staff regularly liaise with the Music Department at Ridgewood and with parents to ensure we work together to achieve the best for your child.

How to book music lessons

Students can start for as little as £8 a session for a group lesson, or £12.25 for 1:1 tuition. Please follow the link below to book. Select the "music lessons in school" option.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>

We look forward to welcoming your child to music tuition soon.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs T Haines

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