



# School Bulletin



## Welcome Back!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to our existing ones. We hope you have had a wonderful summer, even if the sun did not appear until this week!

At Scissett Middle we send out a school bulletin to inform parents and carers of all the wonderful events that are happening within school such as: school trips; workshops; visiting speakers and clubs that are available for your children to join. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the success of your children, whether that be in sport, music or the honour being pupil of the week. We also use this space to make you aware of important upcoming dates so that parents are kept informed of what is coming up. This year we have made the decision to send out our bulletins fortnightly.



## Performing Arts at Scissett

### Starting Musical Instrument Lessons



Learning a musical instrument is a wonderful and truly worthwhile thing to do. Research has shown that learning an instrument builds resilience, fosters creativity and boosts wellbeing. Students will build social skills and lifelong friendships by making music with others. Both a creative and academic pursuit, the skills will transcend the curriculum and help contextualise learning from other subjects. Employers and universities will admire the dedication and confidence demonstrated by musicians. The higher graded instrument examinations even carry UCAS points towards university entry!

Each week a team of specialist teachers from Musica Kirklees visit Scissett Middle, covering all common instruments; piano and keyboard, brass, woodwind, upper and lower orchestral strings, electric, bass and classical guitar, drums, percussion and voice. Almost 100 of our students are already enjoying the benefits of these specialist tuitions. The cost of the lessons varies depending on which of four length options you choose, but start at around £7 per lesson. In most cases Musica Kirklees will be able to loan an instrument for as long as the student continues lessons.

Further details are available on the Musica Kirklees website [www.musicakirklees.org](http://www.musicakirklees.org) including some helpful guides to choosing an instrument to learn. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, the school is able to cover half the cost of 'Option A' lessons.

I expect you will have heard many adults say "I wish I had learnt an instrument when I was younger". Now is the perfect time to make sure your child doesn't look back in the future and say the same thing!

### I Want To Go Ahead And Arrange Lessons For My Child?

The easiest way is to visit the [Musica Kirklees](http://www.musicakirklees.org) website and apply online. However, if your child is eligible for the Free School Meal discount, please contact Mr Osborne directly **before** applying. ([mosborne@themast.co.uk](mailto:mosborne@themast.co.uk))

## Dates For The Diary

**Thursday 14th September** - School Photos (Class photos for all years, individual photos for years 6 & 8)

**Friday 29th September** - Macmillan Coffee Morning, 8 - 8:45am in the School Hall

**Tuesday 10th October** - Year 6 Meet The Tutor Evening

