

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Instrumental Lessons 2025-26**

Selwood Academy has a fantastic team of self-employed peripatetic teachers that come in weekly to deliver expert singing and instrumental lessons. They each have a wealth of experience in their field and work exceptionally to support our pupil's musical development. Learning an instrument can be a very rewarding thing to do, not only are there obvious benefits to musicality, but evidence suggests that people who play regularly can improve their cognitive functions, fine motor skills, team skills and emotional intelligence.

Lessons are organised on a weekly rotational basis so the same lesson is not being missed every week. Pupils are expected to copy up work they have missed from classroom lessons and find out about any homework that has been set. We expect pupils to check their timetables and arrive promptly for their lessons but if your child is unable to attend their music lesson or will be off school for a period of absence, please inform the teacher as soon as you can.

Payments and contracts for instrumental lessons will go directly between the instrumental/singing teacher and parent. Please note lessons are usually charged in blocks termly and lesson costs vary depending on each teacher's rate, however they tend to average around £90 for a terms block of 30-minute lessons. If you are interested in signing your child up for lessons, or would like more information, please contact the teacher using the details provided below.

Instrument	Teacher	Contact
Singing	Mrs Helen Ostafew-Temmink	<a href="mailto:helenostafew@gmail.com">helenostafew@gmail.com</a>
Guitar	Mr Alex Veale	<a href="mailto:vealeguitar@gmail.com">vealeguitar@gmail.com</a>
Drum Kit	Mr Alex Lane	<a href="mailto:alexlanedrums@gmail.com">alexlanedrums@gmail.com</a>
Piano (Pop & Jazz)	Mr Dan Somers	<a href="mailto:somersdan1@gmail.com">somersdan1@gmail.com</a>
Brass & Piano (Classical)	Mrs Sue Avison	<a href="mailto:susanavison@btinternet.com">susanavison@btinternet.com</a>
Woodwind	<i>Please email Mrs Hampson to register your interest in lessons, if we have a number of pupils wanting lessons we can advertise for a teacher.</i>	
Strings		

Although peripatetic teachers work on a self-employed basis, the Academy commits to ensuring all safer recruitment processes are followed and we still expect all to go through the necessary checks including DBS.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch using my email below.  
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Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Emily Hampson**  
**Lead Teacher of Music**

*'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16*  
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