North Yorkshire Music Service

FEES AND CHARGES : from Summer Term 2024

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

I am pleased to announce that the current Instrumental and Vocal Tuition fees per term will now continue up to September 2024, instead of changing at Easter as previously indicated.

However, due to the increased costs at Music Centre both for venue hire and teachers pay awards, we will be increasing Music Centre fees in April: Please see tables below.

This letter is for information only - the Summer term 2024 invoice will be posted to you by mid April, *unless you recently given notice to stop lessons or Music Centre.*

A full copy of the Terms and Conditions is at the end of this document.

Music Centre Fees : ***from Summer 2024***	
Number of Sessions at Music Centre	**Termly fees**
One Session (Week day or Saturday)	£59.30
Two Sessions (week day and/or Saturday)	£74.00
Three Sessions (Week day plus Saturday)	£133.30
ADULT One session** (week day and/or Saturday)	£79.00
ADULT Two sessions** (week day and/or Saturday)	£98.30

Remissions** ;-		
Free School Meals ;- (see list of qualifying benefits under Tuition)		
One Session = £ 23.72	Two Sessions = £ 29.60	Three Sessions = £ 53.32
Working Tax Credit;-		
One Session = £ 29.65	Two Sessions = £ 37.00	Three Sessions = £ 66.65
** *NB: Remissions are not available to Adult members of Music Centres*		

Instrumental & Vocal Tuition Fees : ***unchanged***	
Type of lessons	**Termly Charge**
Standard Group (normally up to 4)	£ 80.00
Group of 2 for 30 minutes	£156.30
Individual – 20 minutes	£156.30
Individual – 30 minutes	£219.50
For Remissions please see over leaf	

March 2024

Remissions:	*Applicable to one instrument per child having **Standard Group tuition** as follows :-*
100% remission;	Eligible to claim Free School Meals by receipt of one of the following;- • Child Tax Credit with annual income of below £16,190* (as stated on Award letter) and not receiving Working Tax Credit • Universal Credit with annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (over 3 most recent assessment periods); • Income Support / Job Seekers Allowance (Income based) • Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance • Guarantee element of State Pension Credit • Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 **Annual income value applicable from April 2023*
30% remission:	• Working Tax Credit (£56.00 per term)

Hire of Instrument Fees			
Value of Instrument hired	**Termly Fee**	**Value of Instrument hired**	**Termly Fee**
Up to £200	£20.00	£401 to £800	£30.00
£201 to £400	£25.00	£800 +	£35.00

Notice to Stop Tuition or Music Centre: If you wish to stop your child's instrumental or vocal lessons or Music Centre membership, please note that under our Terms and Conditions we require notice up to the end of the half term in which it is given.

Pupils Moving into Year 7 : Your child will, in most cases, be able to continue their tuition with the Music Service once they move to Secondary school, we will be in touch over the Summer with more information. *Lessons in Secondary Schools take place on a rotating timetable basis to avoid pupils missing the same school lessons every week*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via Countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Ian Bangay

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Head of North Yorkshire Music Service

26th March 2024

NORTH YORKSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

Terms and Conditions upon which instrumental tuition is made available

1. A guaranteed minimum of 28 lessons per year will be provided – though every effort will be made to provide 30. The aim is to provide 10 lessons per term - but this may vary due to external circumstances beyond our control – eg unforeseen absence or unavailability of a teacher or disproportionate term lengths due to the date on which Easter falls.

2. Lessons will last for a minimum of twenty minutes and a maximum of thirty minutes. The legal maximum group size of four has been removed from the Education Act 1996 and, subject to confirmation of the new regulations, tuition will be delivered in small (Standard) groups of an appropriate size, determined in accordance with good educational practice. Standard Group lessons will be provided unless parent or guardian elected otherwise.

3. Lessons will generally take place during the normal school day. It may, exceptionally and subject to availability, be possible to schedule lessons for lunch times or after school.

4. Payment terms: fees will be payable termly, in advance, with an option to spread the annual cost over a nine month period by Direct Debit. It will, additionally, be possible to make payments by other means and over different periods subject to agreement; details are obtainable on request. Suspension of lessons and/or Music Centre membership due to non-payment of fees will incur a £10 admin fee per suspension.
Parents / Guardians are responsible for ensuring the Music Service has an up-to-date contact address.

5. Pupils will be expected to attend all instrumental lessons.

6. Where, through illness, a pupil is absent for three or more consecutive lessons a credit will be allowed in respect of fees for lessons missed. There will be no other refunds made except in circumstances where, due to the absence or unavailability of a teacher, the requisite number of lessons cannot be achieved.

7. In the event that a parent wishes to give notice that lessons are not to continue this must be received in writing at North Yorkshire Music Service, CYPS Business Support, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE. Payment of fees will be required up to the end of the half term in which the written notice is received.

7a. In respect of Music Centre activities (out of school ensembles or theory classes) termination of membership is likewise subject to written notice of a minimum of half a term.

8. Having initially satisfied the school and the relevant instrumental teacher of their musical aptitude and subject to the availability of the Authority to provide suitable tuition, pupils may continue their lessons until further notice unless their rate of progress, poor attendance, conduct or unviable group size render this inappropriate.

9. Remission Schemes

Universal Credit with annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (over 3 most recent assessment periods); Child Tax Credit with annual income below £16,190 as stated on Award letter and <u>not</u> receiving Working Tax Credit; Income Support; Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based); Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance; or otherwise eligible for Free School Meals** ***(Guarantee element of State Pension Credit / Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)*** ******* – eligibility entitles claimants, subject to documentary proof of their entitlement, to learn one instrument in a Standard Group at no cost. Tuition on any further instruments will be chargeable at the full rate applicable for such lessons at the time.

Individual 20 minute lessons can be made available to pupils in this category at nil cost who, in the opinion of their peripatetic instrumental teacher, have reached a playing standard equivalent to Associated Board Grade 6.

Working Tax Credit *** – eligibility entitles claimants, subject to documentary proof of their entitlement, to learn one instrument in a Standard Group at a discount of 30%. Tuition on any further instruments will be similarly chargeable at the full rate applicable for such lessons at the time.

Individual 20 minute lessons can be made available to pupils in this category at 30% discount who, in the opinion of their peripatetic instrumental teacher, have reached a playing standard equivalent to Associated Board Grade 6.

10. In order to supplement our tuition, we may ask students if they would be interested in joining the County Ensembles, Music Centres and other appropriate workshops. This will be done via email, using the contact details you have provided as part of the registration process.

11. **Privacy Notice** *: The Music Service collects your personal data in order to process your application / registration and to provide the requested music tuition. For more detailed information on why the Council stores and processes your data please refer to the NYCC privacy notice: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/privacy-notices*

** *£16,190 annual income value applicable from 6 April 2023*

*** *Job Seekers Allowance (Contribution Based) or Child Tax* Credit with annual income over, does not confer eligibility for reduced fees