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Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

First of all, let me welcome you to Five Acres High School and to the Music Department; my name is Miss K. Barker, and I am very much looking forward to meeting you, teaching you and making music with you all in the next academic year!

An alumna of Canterbury Christchurch University and Birmingham Conservatoire, I started teaching at Five Acres High School last year after working as a freelance Classical and Operatic singer for nearly 10 years. I still love to sing, and am a soprano with an all-female trio, a soprano with a quartet of graduates from Birmingham Conservatoire and work as a soloist across the country for various concerts and productions.

I strongly believe that music is an integral part of our being, whether performing or appreciating it and am dedicating to inspiring the musicians of the future – you! Here at Five Acres High School, we are striving to create a world class Music Hub here in the Forest, and in order to do this, not only will you have both music lessons and choir on your timetables, but will also be given the opportunity to work with dedicated peripatetic instrumental and vocal teachers, who are either freelance or are provided through Gloucestershire Music.

## So, why learn to play an instrument?

There are many reasons why learning to play an instrument are good for you; mainly, because it's fun! However, it also makes you smarter! It stimulates the brain and improves memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are particularly important for Maths and Science. It helps to give you a sense of achievement and builds confidence, whilst helping to improve your patience, ability and confidence. Making music enhances your memory, your self-discipline and time management. It can also make you more creative, which is essential in all subjects.

Playing any instrument sharpens fine motor skills and improves hand/eye co-ordination and has benefits on your health and well-being. It allows a student to be part of a social group, either at home or with other musicians.

Interested? Then have a look through this little booklet, which gives you some information on the different freelance teachers who visit Five Acres, and provides the forms and details required to begin your musical journey.

If you would like any more information, or have any questions, please email me at:

[kbarker@5acreshighschool.co.uk](mailto:kbarker@5acreshighschool.co.uk).

For those who would like to start lessons in September, please return the relevant forms to:

Miss K. Barker, Music Teacher, Five Acres, Coleford, GL16 7QW, or attach a copy and email them to me at the above address by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2020**.

I look forward to working with you all!



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## **Mr Steve Barnett – Drums:**

Steve started playing percussion at the age of nine and coming from a musical family, it was inevitable that this would be the path that he would follow.

His ability to play many differing musical styles from rock to jazz, orchestral to big band, led to him becoming principal percussionist with one of the world's leading brass bands, the Tredegar Band, where for the past twelve years he has been an integral part of the bands most successful ever period in its rich history. This has included performing and recording many times for CDs, radio, TV and film and winning many major championship titles along the way.

Steve has also performed in many top concert halls in the UK and Europe, plus embarked on tours of South Africa and Lithuania, to name a few.

In his spare time, Steve manufactures his own range of percussion instruments and drum kits.

He has now been teaching at Five Acres for the last ten years, and thoroughly enjoys working with the students there.

If your child wishes to take instrumental lessons, the following charges apply:

- £15.00 for a 30 minute individual lesson, with 10 lessons per term. Total Cost £150.00.
- £7.50 per half hour group lesson (2 in a group), with 10 lessons per term. Total cost £75.00.

Support is offered to those students in receipt of Free School Meals, or those families in receipt of certain benefits. Information can be found within this booklet.

**Payment must be made to the tutor on the first lesson, making cheques payable to Mr S Barnett.**

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**Please note that, by signing this form to are committing to payment for 10 lessons over one term**

**Name of Pupil:**

**Year and Class:**

**Your Name:**

**Email Address:**

**I am eligible to apply for bursary: yes/no**

I would like my child to have drum lessons (delete as appropriate), for individual ½ hour / group ½ hour (delete as appropriate).

I understand how payment for lessons will occur and that unpaid lessons may result in the cancellation of tuition. I also understand that lessons missed due to illness or conflicting school events cannot be rearranged, though a waiver of charges may be possible given sufficient notice.

**Signed:**

**Your relationship to pupil:**



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## Mrs. Anita Chaloner BA., ALCM, Dip. Mus., Cert Ed. – Piano:

As well as having been Head of Music in a number of schools in Sussex, Anita has taught piano to all ages and all abilities since leaving university. She is an Associate of the London College of Music in teaching piano and has a Diploma in Music Performance; she was also an examiner in piano for the Guildhall School of Music.

As well as teaching piano, Anita is an accompanist for a number of choirs and instrumentalists in the area.

Anita believes that music is an important part of our lives and that learning to play the piano is a gateway to enjoying and taking part in all kinds of music.

She uses a variety of techniques in her teaching, based around the student's style of learning, and encourages playing by ear but also believes that it is very important to learn to read music. But most importantly, Anita states that learning to play an instrument should be fun and progressive.

Lessons will cost £15.00 for half an hour and £10.00 for 20 minutes.

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**Name of Pupil:**

**Year and Class:**

**Your Name:**

**Email Address:**

**I am eligible to apply for bursary: yes/no**

I would like my child to have piano lessons for ½ hour / 20 minutes (delete as appropriate).

I understand how payment for lessons will occur and that unpaid lessons may result in the cancellation of tuition. I also understand that lessons missed due to illness or conflicting school events cannot be rearranged, though a waiver of charges may be possible given sufficient notice.

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## Mr. Matthew Clark – Singing:

From September 2020 Matthew will be offering singing lessons to pupils at Five Acres.

He is a professional singer and composer, mainly working as member of the Cathedral Choir in Gloucester. He currently provides singing lessons at Archway School in Stroud, as well as privately and works with pupils from beginner to diploma level.

He aims to structure lessons to meet the individual aims of his pupils, working with pieces across a range of styles, and has helped pupils prepare for both vocal and school examinations. He is fully DBS cleared with C1 safeguarding training through the Diocese of Gloucester.

Matt is very much looking forward to welcoming and working with new students in the coming academic year.

Lessons will cost £15.00 for half an hour and £10.00 for 20 minutes. Lessons will need to be paid for in advance, the first half term will be billed at the start of term with the final balance being due at the end of the term.

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**Name of Pupil:**

**Year and Class:**

**Your Name:**

**Email Address:**

**I am eligible to apply for bursary: yes/no**

I would like my child to have singing lessons for ½ hour / 20 minutes (delete as appropriate).

I understand how payment for lessons will occur and that unpaid lessons may result in the cancellation of tuition. I also understand that lessons missed due to illness or conflicting school events cannot be rearranged, though a waiver of charges may be possible given sufficient notice.

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## Mr. Andy Dunn – Guitar and keyboard:

Andy is a guitarist of many years' experience as a live and studio performer, he has performed as a guitarist in bands and as a solo guitarist/vocalist in venues all over the UK, including major stages at Glastonbury Festival, as well as Europe and North America. Andy has wide experience of working in other areas of the music business including live and studio engineering, music production and promotion.

Andy has been teaching in schools and colleges and privately for over 20 years, and in that time has developed strategies to assist and encourage those in the early stages of learning to play as well as helping more experienced players to excel on the instrument.

Students can choose to learn from a range of styles - Electric, acoustic, finger style, plectrum, rhythm and lead, standard and open tunings - and also a range of genres including: Rock, Blues, Funk, Reggae, Classical and Jazz.

If your child wishes to take instrumental lessons, the following charges apply:

- £16.00 for a 30 minute individual lesson, with 10 lessons per term. Total Cost £160.00.
- £8.00 per half hour group lesson (2 in a group), with 10 lessons per term. Total cost £80.00, (please note, PP students pay £20 per term; the balance will be paid by The School).
- Students who take GCSE Music are only required to pay £45.00 per term towards the cost of a group lesson. The balance will be paid by The School.

**Payment must be made to the tutor on the first lesson, making cheques payable to Andrew Dunn.**

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**Year and Class:**

**Your Name:**

**Email Address:**

**I am eligible to apply for bursary: yes/no**

I would like my child to have guitar/keyboard lessons (delete as appropriate), for individual ½ hour / group ½ hour (delete as appropriate).

I understand how payment for lessons will occur and that unpaid lessons may result in the cancellation of tuition. I also understand that lessons missed due to illness or conflicting school events cannot be rearranged, though a waiver of charges may be possible given sufficient notice.

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## Mrs. Michelle Kay – Violin:

Has your child ever expressed an interest in learning to play the violin? Michelle is a fully qualified music teacher, who worked with Gloucestershire Music for over 30 years, and teaches at Five Acres during the school day on a Thursday. Michelle helps her students to develop their instrumental technique, musicianship and through learning, will underline those theoretical skills which are worked on in classroom lessons. If desired, Michelle also assists students in preparing for music examinations, auditions, and live performances.

Violins are available for hire through Gloucestershire Music.

If your child wishes to take instrumental lessons, the following charges apply:

- £9.00 for a 20 minute individual lesson, with 10 lessons per term. Total Cost £90.00.
- £4.50 per 20 minute group lesson (2 in a group), with 10 lessons per term. Total cost £45.00.

Support is offered to those students in receipt of Free School Meals, or those families in receipt of certain benefits. Information can be found within this booklet.

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**Name of Pupil:**

**Year and Class:**

**Your Name:**

**Email Address:**

**I am eligible to apply for bursary: yes/no**

I would like my child to have violin lessons (delete as appropriate), for individual 20 minute / group 20 minute (delete as appropriate).

I understand how payment for lessons will occur and that unpaid lessons may result in the cancellation of tuition. I also understand that lessons missed due to illness or conflicting school events cannot be rearranged, though a waiver of charges may be possible given sufficient notice.

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## Individual & Small Group Instrumental Lessons

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Five Acres High School** has expressed an interest in offering individual & small group tuition through Gloucestershire Music. Instrumental lessons are a great way to not only engage your child in music making but are also proven to improve their confidence, concentration and much research has shown the positive effect of music on English and Maths in particular. The time that lessons commence will be decided in due course by your school and the GM tutor who will deliver the lessons. GM staff are DBS checked, employees of Gloucestershire County Council and are quality assessed to maintain the highest standards of teaching across the county.

Gloucestershire Music also offers a [musical instrument hire scheme](#). More information on prices for this scheme can be found at [www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk)

A [student bursary](#) is also available for those who wish to apply for financial assistance. This can cover tuition, instrument hire and exam fees up to £200 per term (based on a 3 term year). Visit <https://www.makemusicgloucestershire.org.uk/schools/mmg-grants-and-bursaries/> or ring us on 01452 330300 for more information.

Five Acres High School would like to offer pupils the opportunity to play the **Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute**. **To sign up to our music lesson waiting list** through our online parent pay system please use the following instructions.

- 1) Visit [www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk)
  - 2) Click Online Payments
  - 3) Sign in or create an account and follow the verification process.
  - 4) Sign in and click 'Enrol for an Activity'
  - 5) **Step One** - Select Small Group/individual tuition and choose your child's school from the drop down list.
  - 6) **Step Two** - Select Instrument, type of tuition and assessment level
- Please note that you are free to purchase any of the above regardless of whether your child has currently been receiving a differing type of tuition**
- 7) **Step Three** - Complete pupil information
  - 8) **Step Four** - Please accept GM's Privacy Policy
  - 9) **Step Five** - Confirm your tuition and click Enrol
  - 10) PLEASE IGNORE THE NEXT PAGE. DO NOT CLICK TO PURCHASE AS WE WILL CONTACT YOU SEPERATELY TO PAY FOR THIS TUITION

Group Tuition 3 – 5 pupils 30m.....	£61.50
Paired Lesson 30m.....	£91.50
Individual Tuition 20m.....	£121.50
Individual Tuition 30m .....	£181.50

Lessons are priced based on 10 lessons a term

Terms and conditions apply <https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/youth-groups/terms-and-conditions/>



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Happy music making!

Nick Steel  
Schools' Manager – Gloucestershire Music.

Dear Parent / Carer,

## **Music Lessons – Entitlement to Bursary**

To apply for a bursary, please complete and return the attached form. If you are successful, you will need to pay £20 per 10-week lesson term and the school will pay the remainder. Lessons will be shared with other students.

To qualify for a music bursary for your child/children, you should be in receipt of the following:

Free School Meals for your child/children  
and/or\*:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit

\*Please note: if you are entitled to any of the above benefits, your child/children may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Even if don't want your child to receive a meal, please register so that Five Acres High School receives as much funding as possible from the Government. By registering, you could raise an extra £935 to enable the school to provide extra support and resources for your child/children.

It's easy to apply - please go to <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/educationgrants>

Yours,

Kirsten Barker

Music Teacher at Five Acres High School



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## Five Acres High School

### Application for Music Tuition Bursary 2020-2021

Please tick boxes that apply:

My child is in receipt of Free School Meals	<input type="checkbox"/>
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My child does not receive Free School Meals, but I am in receipt of the following:

Income Support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Income-based Jobseeker's allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Tax Credit ( <b>not Working Tax Credit</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guaranteed Pension Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment & Support Allowance ( <b>Income related</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum Seeker Support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Tax Credit 4 week 'run-on'	<input type="checkbox"/>
Universal Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Full Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)	
Relationship to child	
Address	
Child's Name	
Instrument	
Instrumental Teacher Name	



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## DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. If my circumstances change, I will immediately notify the school.

Signed:

Date:



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## Five Acres High School

### Application for GCSE Music Tuition Bursary 2020-21

Bursaries towards Instrumental Music Tuition as part of the GCSE course are awarded on an individual basis on the recommendation of the Music Teacher at Five Acres School.

Recommendation by Miss K Barker:

Signed

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Date:

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I would like to apply for a bursary:

Your Full Name  
(Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

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Relationship to child

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Address

--

Telephone number

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Child's Name

--

Instrument

--

Instrumental Teacher  
Name (if known)

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## DECLARATION

I understand that lessons will be shared with other students and that my child will be expected to attend all lessons, except in case of illness or exceptional circumstances.

I will notify the Instrumental Music Teacher and the school (Finance Officer) if at any time I do not wish my child to continue with lessons.

Signed:

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Date:

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