I**nstrumental & Singing Lessons**

*We are delighted that your child is keen to learn an instrument or have singing lessons at Sexey’s School. Please read the following information before filling in and returning the form below.*

Our team of highly experienced music teachers provide excellent one-to-one tuition. Some students take more than one instrument, though we recommend that they take no more than two in order to minimise any disruption to their academic lessons.

**Lesson format**

* Lessons last 30 minutes
* Lessons take place during the normal school day – **we regret that this cannot be avoided**;
* Wherever possible, lessons are timetabled to minimise disruption to academic lessons;
* It is your child’s responsibility to attend the scheduled lesson. Lesson times, locations and dates will be posted on the noticeboard by Reception & in the Music Department; emails are also sent, notifying of any changes.

**Cost**

* Lessons currently cost £17 per 30-minute lesson (with the exception of DJ lessons). If the cost changes you will be notified in advance.
* DJ lessons cost £22 per 30-minute individual lesson or £12 per 30-minute shared lesson.
* 30 lessons will be scheduled per year – 5 per half term;
* ***We will also ask you to pay a deposit of £85*** (the equivalent of half a term’s fees) to secure lessons. ***This will be credited against your final bill***;
* You will be asked to pay for five lessons in advance, (***£85 each half term***);
* From time to time, we may purchase music or other small items necessary for lessons(clarinet reeds, violin rosi, etc): these will be added to your bill.

**Absences**

* Lessons are paid for and arranged in advance. It is your child’s responsibility to attend lessons; if they are absent without notice it cannot be refunded; *this includes sports fixtures and trips;*
* We will rearrange or refund lessons where a weeks notice of absence has been received. Please ensure that the Music Department is directly notified of absences for trips and events;
* Lessons affected by staff absence will be refunded or rearranged.
* If your child is absent for an arranged lesson, the instrumental teacher will notify you by email (using the email you provide below); your child will also be notified by their school email.

**Starting lessons**

* Parents will be notified when lessons will start for new students via the school bulletin and via email by your child’s instrumental teacher.

**Access and Out of Hours Practice**

* *Regular practice is central to development & improvement.* The Music Department is supervised every weekday between 8:00am-5:00pm in order to offer opportunities for students to practise: this is a vital element in learning an instrument.

**Additional Opportunities**

* As part of our successful programme of music at Sexey’s, it is *expected* that students having lessons will attend extra curricular opportunities (choir, wind band, rock band, folk group, string group etc.).
* Students will be asked to take part in performances as & when appropriate.

**Termination of lessons**

* **We ask for a half term’s notice (5 lessons)**. This can be given at any time and your bill and or deposit will be adjusted accordingly: please note that lessons will be scheduled for the following term unless we receive notice - this includes the new school year.
* Notice must be given directly in writing to the Music Department, even if your child is leaving the school and you have notified the Main Office.
* Lessons will normally be terminated for Year 11 students before their exams; you will need to re-apply for lessons in Year 12 if they choose to remain at Sexey’s for 6th Form.

**Contacting the Music Department**

Please contact the Music Department using the following email address: musicstaff@sexeys.somerset.sch.uk

All contact with students will be made using their school email address and they must check this regularly to ensure that they do not miss out on important information & opportunities.

**Lessons are available on the following instruments:**

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| **Bass Guitar****Brass (all instruments)****Cello****Clarinet****Drum Kit** | **Flute****Guitar (all styles)****Harp** **Music Technology****Percussion** | **Piano****Saxophone****Viola****Violin****Voice (all styles)****DJ** |

**Music Instrument Lesson Request Form**

**Please return to the Music Department**

*I have read and understood the terms & conditions of instrumental lessons at Sexey’s and would like to arrange music lessons for my child.*

Student’s name............................................................................. Year group.................................

**Please tick either:**

 I enclose a cheque for £170 per instrument (deposit and 1st half term’s fees)

 I enclose a cheque for £220 for DJ individual lessons (deposit and 1st half term’s fees)

 I enclose a cheque for £120 for DJ shared lessons (deposit and 1st half term’s fees)

**Or:**

 I have made a bank transfer for £170 per instrument (deposit & 1st half term’s fees)

 I have made a bank transfer for £220 for DJ individual lessons (deposit/1st half term’s fees)

 I have made a bank transfer for £120 for DJ shared lessons (deposit/1st half term’s fees)

Date of transfer:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lloyds Bank account name: **Sexey’s School**

Account Number: **28414860** Sort Code: **30-65-21**

Please include the following reference: (Student Name) Music Lessons

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| Instrument(s)to be learned | ***For New Students Only***Previous experience, including approximate current grade | Instrument required (Y/N) |
| 1. |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |

Parent’s Name.....................................................................................................................................

Signature...............................................................................................Date......................................

Preferred email address ..................................................................................................................

Student’s signature...........................................................................................................