

25 September 2025

Dear Families

### **Music Department Opportunities 2025**

Last year was an excellent year for the music department, with new performance opportunities in school and in the wider community, and it was a pleasure to see lots of students getting involved. We are keen, as always, to keep building on this success as we encourage students to make the most of the many ways they can get involved in music making at Sackville.

The start of a new academic year is a great time to take on new challenges, and learning an instrument or joining a music group is one of the best challenges of all! Music making is an excellent way to meet new friends, develop a sense of belonging and enrich children's engagement with the school community. It also encourages skills such as resilience, independence and creativity which can be so beneficial to students as they develop into young adults.

#### **Instrumental Lessons**

We offer a wide range of peripatetic lessons in the music department for all our students from year 7 to year 13. The lessons take place during or after the school day and can be up to 30 minutes long - teachers generally operate a rota system to avoid missing the same school subject lessons.

For the following lessons please find further details and apply at <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>:

- **Singing** - Pop, classical, musical theatre and more - Rebecca Redfern
- **Brass** - Trumpet, Trombone, Cornet, Horn etc. - Ben Whitcher
- **Drums** - Nathan Sandford

For the following lessons please apply via the Sackville application form here

<https://forms.gle/5jKsgQnwHgChzwpJ9> - you will then be contacted by the individual teacher for further details and to arrange lessons

- **Piano** - Denise Robinson
- **Woodwind** - Flute, Clarinet, Oboe and Saxophone – Sally Fisher
- **Violin & Viola** - Wendy Cooper
- **Cello** - Anna Ryder
- **Guitar** - Acoustic, Electric, Classical, Electric Bass - Jak Chantler

All peripatetic teachers have undertaken an enhanced disclosure in order to work in school and lessons will take place in our five purpose-built practice rooms. In general, you will need to provide an instrument if your child would like to have lessons - there is a locked cupboard where they can be stored throughout the day to which only students storing instruments are permitted access. Some instruments are available to loan from [westsussexmusic.co.uk](https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk), please contact them through their website for more information.

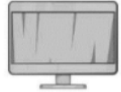







There is a cost for each instrumental lesson and this varies slightly from teacher to teacher and various lesson lengths are sometimes available. Please note that you will be required to pay for peripatetic

lessons at the beginning of each term and you will need to provide a term's written notice in order to cancel lessons.

We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of Sackville Community from achieving their best. We will work closely with all families to ensure equity during their time at the school. If any families would like their child to have access to instrument lessons and would need financial assistance, we invite families to get in touch with us to discuss what may be available. Please speak to your child's community team or Mr Webb for details.

### Extra Curricular Groups

As well as individual and small group lessons, we offer a varied programme of groups during the week at Sackville; please see the autumn term timetable below. These groups are open to all students who wish to participate (other than Production - details on auditions to follow), either on voice or their own instrument, and I look forward to seeing lots of our talented musicians joining us for rehearsals over the next few weeks!

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| <br><b>Music Tech Club</b><br>15:00-15:45<br>E03                | <br><b>Ukulele Group</b><br>Lunchtime<br>E03   | <br><b>Sackville Singers</b><br>15:00-15:45<br>E06         | <br><b>KS4&amp;5 Band</b><br>15:00-16:00<br>E06 | <br><b>Classical Ensemble</b><br>Lunchtime<br>E03 |
| <br><b>Production Singing Rehearsals</b><br>15:00-16:30<br>P01 | <div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>You do not need to 'sign up' for our groups - just come along and join in!</b></p> </div> | <br><b>KS4 Coursework Catchup –</b><br>15:00-16:00<br>E03 |   | <br><b>KS3 Band</b><br>15:00-16:00<br>E06        |

'Please look out for details of upcoming events and opportunities in the months ahead, I am excited to see what our wonderful musicians produce this year! In the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Webb  
**Curriculum Leader of Music**