



Continuation of music tuition at Oatlands Junior School in September 2021

Dear parents and music students,

Encore! has been running music and drama tuition at Harrogate Grammar School since 2010 and music tuition at Oatlands Junior School since 2017, as part of the Red Kite Learning Trust partnership.

Encore! specialist music teachers have successfully delivered over 6500 individual online and face to face lessons during the current academic year and we have been delighted to see all forms of tuition safely resuming once again. Our excellent examination results and improved level of students' performing standards are evidence that this has been an extremely successful academic year.

For a set period, priority will be given to students who are already pursuing music tuition at Oatlands Junior School before offering places to any new students. All applications made before the end of July will prioritise the existing students. Applications after this will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

The full details regarding the length of lessons, the variety of instrument and vocal tuition on offer, the cost and the application process are outlined in detail in the document below.

Details on the prices and how to apply to continue tuition for next academic year are on the Oatlands website and also below. Payments and applications can be made at <https://lunchpal.co.uk/encore-music-tuition-sept-21-to-december-21-1222-p.asp>

If you no longer wish to receive lessons, please reply to abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk so that we may release your place to another student.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk

Yours Sincerely

Andy Kemp
Encore! Lead teacher



Encore! Music Lessons at Oatlands Junior School

What is Encore!?

Encore! is the name of the instrumental and vocal music teaching provision at Red Kite Learning Trust. It has been designed to provide an effective transition for all pupils to continue with or start music lessons from primary school onwards. With the formation of Red Kite Learning Trust, Encore! is the sole provider of music tuition at Oatlands Junior School. It is clear that the strengthening of trust links have encouraged and enabled a large proportion of pupils to benefit from and continue with music tuition throughout their primary and secondary school lives.

Who is eligible for lessons?

Any pupil is eligible for instrumental or vocal lessons. You do not need to have had previous tuition elsewhere; our emphasis is on providing quality tuition for all pupils from year 3 to 6. If you have always wanted to try a musical instrument, have a go! Email Andy Kemp abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk to discuss the suitability of your child to a particular instrument.

What are the instrument or vocal options?

Next year, Encore! offers Oatlands Junior School tuition in the following disciplines:

🎵 **Vocals**

🎵 **Woodwind** - Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone, Recorder

🎵 **Brass** - Cornet, Trumpet, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium,
(please enquire regarding availability before application)

🎵 **Strings** - Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass

🎵 **Guitar** Acoustic, Classical, Electric & Bass

🎵 **Piano/ Keyboard** (these are essentially piano lessons, taught on a full-sized touch sensitive electronic keyboard or a Piano)

Who are the lessons with?

We have formed a team of highly qualified and talented professional musicians and teachers who work in partnership with us. They all hold an enhanced DBS certificate and undertake safeguarding training on a regular basis.



When do the lessons take place?

The lessons will take place during the normal school day lunchtimes and are timetabled at fixed times so that minimal disruption is caused to students' normal school timetables. Occasionally lessons may also be available after school.

How do I know that students will enjoy it?

There are opportunities to sign up for a 6 or 12 - week taster period. Teachers will demonstrate the instruments and give you the opportunity to have a go when practical.

What if I do not have my own instrument?

We recommend using the value for money hire to buy options with Music House in Harrogate. However, Red Kite Learning Trust owns a number of instruments that are available for loan to pupils who are taking lessons with Encore! Please ask via email for more details on the availability of specific instruments. Loan periods may need to be capped to allow more pupils to start particular instruments and loan prices reflect the value of the individual instrument.

How much does it cost?

We offer two individual (one-to-one) lesson lengths; 20 minutes at £12.00 per lesson or 30 minutes at £17.75 per lesson. There is no difference in price to study different instruments. The cost of lessons for each term will depend on the length of that period and the number of lessons offered. Usually there will be up to 33 lessons offered during the academic year.

Paired tuition is currently not available

Please enquire via email regarding possible alternatives.

How do I pay for lessons?

Payment is required termly in advance via the Encore "Lunchpal" online shop ~ please visit <https://lunchpal.co.uk/encore-music-tuition-sept-21-to-december-21-1222-p.asp>

We get free school meals - will we get a discount on the cost?

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals will be entitled to a 75% discount on 20-minute individual lessons for one instrument only. Please see details below about applying for your discount code to use when purchasing this option.

What about discounts for other benefit recipients?

Unfortunately no other discounts are available.

When can I start?

Encore! lessons are ideally available from the start of each term. If you wish to start lessons part way through the academic year please contact Andy Kemp by email



abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk for availability and cost details. Whereas we will make every effort to ensure that students can receive music tuition, it is dependent on the availability of suitable tutors. If there is not space in the timetable, applicants will be placed on a waiting list or recommended towards an alternative route for tuition.

What do I do next?

Visit our webshop at <https://lunchpal.co.uk/encore-music-tuition-sept-21-to-december-21-1222-p.asp> to register and make your payment. We will then be in touch with you in early September regarding your lessons and when they will start. Payment is required in full and if applicable, you will need to enter any discount code at the time of payment.

Discounts:

If you are applying for a Free School Meal discount code please contact Ellen Watts at encore@harrogategrammar.co.uk before applying or paying for the tuition.

Contacts:

Mr Andy Kemp (Teacher in Charge of Encore!) – for music related enquiries – email abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk

Terms and Conditions:

Encore! Terms and Conditions for Instrumental & Vocal Tuition

- 1 Full payment is required in advance via the “Lunchpal” online shop at www.lunchpal.co.uk
- 2 Payment constitutes an agreement to proceed with lessons for the designated period. No refunds will be given.
- 3 Late applications will be accepted subject to tutor availability.
- 4 Confirmation of entitlement to the Free School Meal discount **must** be provided to the Finance Office before a Discount Code can be issued. This code can only be used once against the cheapest set of lessons purchased.
- 5 We are unable to reschedule lessons for pupils missing lessons due to illness or other commitments including trips and sporting fixtures.
- 6 In the event that a tutor is unavailable for a lesson, the tutor will make up the time missed at the earliest suitable opportunity.
- 7 Pupils are expected to attend all timetabled lessons with suitable equipment and music.
- 8 Any discount for the following half-year’s lessons are subject to satisfactory attendance.
- 9 Encore! is only open during school term times and within the school day.
- 10 Whereas a number of lessons are being purchased, it is not necessarily for every week of the term.

**For all enquiries other than discount codes, please contact
Andy Kemp at abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk**