



## September 2020

Continuation of music tuition at Western Primary School

Dear parents and music students,

Encore! has been running music and drama tuition at Harrogate Grammar School since 2010 and latterly at several primary schools as part of the Red Kite Learning Trust partnership.

During the past 5 months, Encore! has successfully delivered over 1500 individual online lessons and as part of our preparation for the 2020-21 academic year we have now removed paired lessons to aid with reducing the opportunity for cross-infection between students and teachers. In the short term it has also been necessary to withdraw the option of brass, woodwind and vocal face-to-face tuition until government advice suggests it is safe to restart. Anyone signing up for any of these disciplines will be offered an online alternative to start tuition. Our excellent examination results and improved level of students' performing standards are evidence that this approach has been extremely successful. Be reassured that we only use specialist and experienced music teachers.

Again, this year, our intention is to give priority to students who are already pursuing music tuition at Western Primary School before offering places to any new students.

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 Western Primary school website and also below. Payments and applications can be made at <https://lunchpal.co.uk/encore-music-tuition-sept-20-to-feb-21-1222-p.asp>

If you wish to continue with lessons next academic year, please apply no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Applications after this date will be taken on a first come first served basis.

If you no longer wish to receive lessons, please reply to [abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely

Andy Kemp  
Encore! Lead teacher



# Encore! Music Lessons at Western Primary 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 one of the preferred providers of music tuition at Western Primary 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 from year 3 upwards 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](mailto: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 Western Primary School tuition in the following disciplines:

- 🎵 **Vocals (online tuition only at first)**
- 🎵 **Woodwind** - Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Recorder (**online tuition only at first**)
- 🎵 **Brass** - Cornet, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, (**online tuition only at first**)
- 🎵 **Strings** - Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass
- 🎵 **Guitar** Acoustic, Classical, Electric & Bass
- 🎵 **Piano/ Keyboard** (these are 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 and are timetabled at fixed times so that minimal disruption is caused to students' normal school timetables.

## **How do I know that I 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 half-year will depend on the length of that period and the number of lessons offered. Usually there will be up to 18 lessons offered in each half-yearly period.

**Paired tuition is currently not available**, but Harrogate Music School will be running a beginner string group at Western school as an after-school club. Enquires via email please.

Please see below for information on discounts available.

## **How do I pay for lessons?**

Payment is required half-yearly in advance via the Encore "Lunchpal" online shop ~ please visit <https://lunchpal.co.uk/western-primary-school---encore-music-lessons-101-c.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 available from the start of each half-yearly period. If you wish to start lessons part way through the academic year please contact Andy Kemp by email [abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk](mailto: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/western-primary-school---encore-music-lessons-101-c.asp> to register and make your payment. We will then be in touch with you 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 this time.

## Discounts:

If you are applying for a Free School Meal discount code please contact Michelle Lister at [encore@harrogategrammar.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.
- 8 Any discount for the following half-year’s lessons are subject to satisfactory attendance and behaviour (i.e. poor attendance or behaviour may result in the discount option being withdrawn).
- 9 Pupils are expected to attend all lessons with suitable equipment and music.
- 10 Encore! is only open during school term times and within the school day.

**For all enquiries other than discount codes, please contact  
Andy Kemp at [abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk](mailto:abk@harrogategrammar.co.uk)**