



14<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Dear Parents,

## **PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS**

This term there is an opportunity for 14 weekly private individual music lessons.

In Terms 2 and 3, there is a possibility for students to participate in 11 weekly lessons.

Please find attached the procedures for arranging private music lessons.

As mentioned in the attached procedures document, I would be grateful if all fees for the forthcoming term, plus any arrears which may have accrued before the long holiday period, be paid promptly during the first week's lesson.

As was the case last year, the cost of each hourly lesson is OR 20. Lessons lasting 30 minutes will be OR 10.

I look forward to a very exciting musical season, which includes a voluntary Secondary Music Recital on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October in the Main Hall, Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts in the new Music Studio and a series of 'Sing Christmas' concerts in December.

Please contact me if you would like your child to perform in the Secondary Music Recital on 10<sup>th</sup> October or the Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts. On these occasions, students of all levels of musical ability and experience will have the opportunity to perform, just as they do in our customary regular class concerts.

I also encourage those taking the ABRSM or Trinity Music Examinations to contact me if they would like to perform in the Secondary Music Recital and Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts so that we can all hear, appreciate and support their musical accomplishments.

The BSM Music Department has launched its first CD entitled 'From Us To You' to celebrate our best ever GCSE Music results of 5 A\*s, an A and 2 Bs. 'From Us To You' features original compositions from students at BSM and is available for OMR 4 from the BSM Reception desk

We have also just released a CD by a former student, Hafren Jones, entitled 'Hafren-With Strings Attached!'. The CD is for voice accompanied by harp and piano and features Hafren's A-Level Music Recital performed during her final year at BSM. 'Hafren-With Strings Attached' can be ordered from the BSM Reception desk for OMR 4.

Meanwhile we look forward to another exciting musical year. Please don't hesitate to contact me on GSM 92985200 should you have any questions or requests relating to music at BSM.

Yours sincerely,

Teiron Jones  
Director of Music, BSM

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## Private Musical Instrument Lessons

All students wishing to have private musical instrument lessons should add their names to the waiting lists displayed in the Secondary Music Suite corridor or return the completed form below to Mr. Jones

Documents detailing procedures for the Private Music Lessons are attached with this circular.

As places and times for the lessons are limited, waiting lists are created for each instrument.

The cost of each lesson has remained the same as last year:  
1 hour OR 20; 30 minutes OR 10; 45 minutes OR 15

For further help or information, please contact Teiron Jones, Director of Music, BSM

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Please return to Mr T Jones, Director of Music

I would like my child to be added to the Private Musical Instrument Lesson waiting lists.

Name : ..... Tutor Group: .....

Instrument[s] : .....

Name of Parent : ..... GSM : .....

E-Mail: .....

Signature: .....

# The British School - Muscat

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## A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT CAN BE A FRIEND FOR LIFE

### Musical instrument lessons at The British School – Muscat

#### Procedures

Students wishing to learn a musical instrument need to sign their name on the waiting list for lessons for their chosen instrument. These waiting lists are in the Secondary Music Room, and Mr Jones will try to find an instrumental teacher.

- The instrumental teacher's timetables showing available slots are displayed in the Music Room.
- Students, or their parents on their behalf, will choose a convenient lesson time and insert their name into the selected time slot on the instrumental teacher's timetable.
- Students, or their parents, will record the instrumental teacher's timetable as displayed on the timetable, and arrange to have the first lesson.
- During the first lesson, teacher and student will estimate how many lessons they will have together for the remainder of the term.
- Students will pay for a term's lessons in advance upon arriving at the second lesson. The cost for each lesson is RO10 for 30 minutes, RO15 for 45 minutes and RO20 for one hour.
- The teacher will keep an attendance and payment register.
- Students will have lessons in credit in cases where they have given adequate notification to the teacher that they cannot attend due to an emergency or a school trip.
- Students who are absent from their lesson without notifying their teacher well in advance will be expected to pay for that lesson.
- Students and their parents must have the telephone number and e-mail address of the instrumental teacher for ease of communication.
- Musical instrument lessons are regarded as an official school activity, and once lessons have begun, students must attend weekly, regularly and punctually throughout the term.
- Most instrumental lessons will take place in assigned rooms at the school.

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- Students having instrumental lessons will be expected to practice and to contribute to school musical ensembles and events when encouraged to do so.

Please direct any questions regarding musical instrument lessons to either Mr Jones, GSM 9298 5200, for the Senior School or Miss Proctor for the Primary School.

### **Musical Instrument Hire**

We have some musical instruments which students may hire. The procedure for hiring an instrument is as follows:

- Inform either Mr Jones or Miss Proctor as appropriate that you would like to hire an instrument. They will check if the instrument you wish to hire is available.
- Students/parents will complete an Instrument Rental Form.
- The cost of renting an instrument from the school is RO15 for the term and RO10 for the summer holiday. Once an Accounts Office receipt is shown to Mr Jones or Miss Proctor for the correct amount the instrument can be taken home.
- Students renting instruments from the school must agree to pay for any damage. They must also be prepared to contribute to school musical ensembles and events when encouraged to do so.

NB: Students who already have a school instrument must return it to the Music Department for inspection and to re-hire it. There will be an RO50 fine for students who neglect to return or re-hire their instruments by half term.