INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

We are aware that many of our children receive music tuition out of school and may wish to be involved in school music through joining one of our ensembles.

Please note that our instrumental ensembles are not appropriate for our younger Hamleteers or beginner players. It is expected that the children joining our groups will know a wide range of notes and have the ability to sight-read the music. If you are unsure whether your child meets these criteria, please contact the school office for more information. Children learning within school will be invited to join our ensembles when their tutor feels they have reached an appropriate standard.

Each ensemble meets on a weekly basis and if a child joins, it is expected that they commit to attending these rehearsal times and associated performances until the end of the year. Please note that some rehearsals are during the lunch hour and some before/after school. Unlike music tuition we do not make a charge to parents for involvement in our ensembles.

We provide performance opportunities for our ensembles throughout the school year. It is expected that members will take part in such events (a chance for them to really ‘show off’ their collaborative work!).

Available Ensembles:

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| **VOICE** | **INSTRUMENT(S)** | **REHEARSAL TIME** | **ABILITY LEVEL** |
| Choir | Voice | Thu. 8-8:45am | All welcome |

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| **STRINGS** | **INSTRUMENT(S)** | **REHEARSAL TIME** | **ABILITY LEVEL** |
| String Orchestra  BUGz  Guitar Ensemble | Violin, Viola, Cello  Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar, Bass Guitar  Acoustic Guitar, Bass Guitar | Mon. 8-8:45am  Tue. lunchtime  Tue. lunchtime | Intermediate/advanced  Intermediate/advanced  Advanced |

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| **WOODWIND** | **INSTRUMENT(S)** | **REHEARSAL TIME** | **ABILITY LEVEL** |
| Recorder Ensemble  Recorder Consort  Flute Ensemble  Reed Ensemble | Descant Recorder  Descant, Treble, Bass Recorders  Flute  Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone | Mon. lunchtime  Mon. lunchtime  Wed. lunchtime  Fri. Lunchtime | Intermediate  Advanced  Intermediate/advanced  Intermediate/advanced |

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| **BRASS** | **INSTRUMENT(S)** | **REHEARSAL TIME** | **ABILITY LEVEL** |
| Brass Ensemble | Trumpet, Cornet, Horns, Euphonium,  Trombone | Tue. 3:30-4:15pm | Intermediate/advanced |

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| **OTHER** | **INSTRUMENT(S)** | **REHEARSAL TIME** | **ABILITY LEVEL** |
| Steel Pans  (cost involved) | Steel Pan | Wed. afternoons | All  (see separate form on website) |

**Days and times are subject to change each year**

If your child is in year 4 or above and you wish them to join an ensemble, please email via the office giving details of name, class, instrument and playing experience, including how long they have been learning and any grades taken.