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## Taster Instrumental Music Lessons at St Crispin's School

Dear parents and carers of year 7 students,

I am writing to let you know of a very exciting opportunity for your child to try out a musical instrument of their choice in a **free practical taster lesson** with one of our visiting instrumental teachers this half term. We are very lucky indeed to be served by such a great team of teachers at St Crispin's, many of whom come to us from Berkshire Maestros.

The taster lessons will take place in school in the three weeks before October half term, with the option of signing up for lessons for next half term. With a limited number of taster lessons available, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with a limit of **one per student**. The deadline for expressing an interest in this opportunity is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, after which the taster lessons will be timetabled and the information shared with parents and students.

Taster lessons will be available for the following instruments:

Voice	Flute	French Horn	Acoustic guitar
Piano	Oboe	Trumpet	Electric guitar
Violin	Clarinet	Trombone	
Viola	Bassoon	Tuba	
Cello	Saxophone	Drum kit/percussion	

### Why learn a musical instrument?

Learning an instrument is the among the best ways to explore the world of music, whether it is classical, soul, jazz, rock or hip-hop. Music lessons also support development of key skills including coordination and communication, as well as helping to build self-confidence.

I hope that your child will be excited to try out an instrument in a taster session. Following the lesson, pupils can sign up to attend instrumental lessons in pairs, small groups or individually. If required, Berkshire Maestros are able to supply instruments for hire to enable pupils to start quickly on a good quality instrument (for just £23 a term). Purchase costs for instruments can be lower if buying through school; the school Music department may also have instruments available for loan or hire.

Group lessons start from under £10.00 a lesson (financial support is available so please do ask if this applies to you). Please respond by clicking on the link [here](#) to register for a **free** taster session by **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours faithfully,

Nick Wolstencroft

Head of Music