**Leamington Out-of-Hours Music Scheme**

**General Information**

**Overview:**

As part of the evolution and development of music at Leamington School we have decided to offer out-of-hours lessons in Flute, Saxophone and Clarinet (and possibly trumpet) to Year 4, 5 and 6 students. This is with a medium-term view of extending the range of instruments in our Senior Orchestra, and in the long-term putting together a concert band-type group which is at a level such that they are able to attend events such as the Waikato Intermediate and Primary Schools Music Festival. As well as that we would aim to perform to a range of audiences in our community.

Learners in the scheme will be taught to play their instruments in 30 minute lessons after school (or before), in a group of 2-6, depending on the range of ability levels and numbers of learners in that instrument. As our tutors are mainly University and WinTec students the day and time for each instrument is set to work in with the tutors’ timetables and may be changed mid-year depending on changes to study commitments with the new semester.

**Commitment:**

Year 5 and 6 students would be expected to be part of the orchestra after a term’s tuition (from Term 3 in 2011), while Year 4 students would be able to join the Orchestra in Year 5 (2012). We see commitment to lessons as a commitment to the Senior Orchestra. Once players elect to have lessons they are required to commit for a full year. This is because our tutors are contracted on a yearly basis and the fees paid by the learners are the tutors’ wages. **No refunds** are given for students who withdraw from the music programme unless in extreme circumstances whereupon the Music Co-ordinator may use their discretion.

**Instruments:**

Each student will need their own instrument. There are a number of hire companies that offer reasonable rates, or alternatively you may like to purchase the instrument. TradeMe is a good place to start.

Fees for hireage range from around $35 -$70 per month.

 KBB in Auckland ph 0800 775 226; hire@kbbmusic.co.nz or [www.kbbmusic.co.nz](http://www.kbbmusic.co.nz)

 Shearers’ MusicWorks in Hamilton ph 839 4747 or sales@shearersmusic.co.nz

**Fees:**

Fees are set annually and cover more than just tuition. These are set at $70 per term, with each term payable in advance. A small portion of this money will be used to provide equipment for the orchestra, such as music stands, repairs and maintenance to school music equipment, purchase of music sets (which can range from $80 - $360 per set), entry fees for music festivals, heating and lighting for tuition venues, and photocopying. The bulk of the fee covers the tuition costs. With regular music lessons costing an average of $20 - $35 per half hour lesson, this programme offers an affordable alternative with the added bonus of being able to be part of an orchestra.

**Material:**

The system of tuition is based on the American Band method in which learners follow a progression of skills laid out in a tuition book for beginners. These books will be able for purchase at the school office as they become available (these will not be ordered until we know numbers). As each learner progresses the tutor will then extend them with material from their own resources and any orchestra material that we are currently working on. (approx cost of tuition book $30)

**Orchestra Rehearsals:**

Senior Orchestra rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm-2:50pm. In Term One each section or group of instruments practice separately. In Term Two the groups are combined for half the practice time, and rehearse separately for the other half of the time. At this point the music is carefully selected to both support the new players while extending the experienced players

If your child is keen to learn an instrument for the remainder of 2011 please complete the form below and return to school by the end of the term (Friday 15th April)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions;

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Richmond

Music Co-ordinator Leamington School

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**Expression of Interest: Instrument Lessons**

Remember: Commitment to music lessons is year-long (three terms), as our tutors are contracted on a yearly basis. **No refunds** are given for students who withdraw from the music programme unless in extreme circumstances whereupon the Music Co-ordinator may use their discretion. Please think carefully about whether you would like your child to be involved.

Please complete the form below and return to school by Friday 15th April to have your child considered for enrolment in music lessons for the remainder of 2011.

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**Expression of Interest: Instrument Lessons 2011**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would like to receive music lessons for the remainder of 2011.

School Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Room no. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The instrument she/he would like to learn is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Flute, Alto saxophone, Clarinet or Trumpet)

I understand the costs involved and that I am committing to the remainder of 2011

(Three terms @ $70 each = $210, plus cost of instrument hire).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_