

Dear musicians, parents and carers

This year, your child is learning to play a musical instrument at school as part of an initiative called 'first access' which aims to give every school aged child the experience of learning to play a musical instrument.

The enthusiasm and commitment by the children and school has been tremendous and the young musicians are already progressing well. There is now so much evidence to prove the benefits of music and instrumental tuition on pupils' social and learning skills across the curriculum, as well as general concentration and behaviour that the value of this tuition cannot be underestimated.

Now that your child has learnt the basics we would like to invite them to join the **Slough Music Centre** to increase their experience of music and offer the opportunity to play with other pupils in mixed instrument ensembles, as well as offering general musicianship sessions in rhythm and singing.

The Slough Music Centre meets on Thursday's during term time, starting on Thursday 12th January, at Beechwood School, SL2 1QE. Registration is at 3.50pm and the centre finishes at 6.15pm. We will be working towards a performance on 23rd March. Dates for future terms can be found on our website.

The cost of joining the music centre is merely £45/£22.50/£12 per term, depending on your level of household income. Please see further details at www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk/For-Pupils/Financial-Assistance.

We can provide an instrument to use whilst at the centre or we can hire one to you to take home to practise on. Just let us know when you sign up. For further details and to sign up please visit www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk/For-Pupils/Bands-choirs-and-orchestras/Bands-Ensembles-and-Orchestras

To find out more about the music centre and our other services please visit www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk

We very much look forward to seeing your young musician at the music centre.

Kind regards

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Head of Slough Music Service

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Slough Music Centre Coordinator



Slough Music Centre Timetable**Thursdays, starting 12th January 2017**

£45/£22.50 /£12 per term

	Beginner musicians	Intermediate musicians	Advanced musicians
3.50pm	Registration	Registration	
4.00 – 4.45pm	Junior Ensembles Year 3 + orchestra. Beginner - grade 1/2: guitar, strings, woodwind and brass.	Voices United Year 6 + vocal group. Pop, gospel, soul and RnB.	-----
4.45 – 5.30pm	Song Squad Year 3 + choir. No experience necessary.	Intermediate Ensembles Small chamber ensembles for pupils have progressed to grade 2 and beyond.	Youth Orchestra For grade 3 + orchestral musicians
5.30 – 6.15pm	Rhythmix Introduction to various drumming styles / music technology. Year 3 + no experience necessary.		Rock Band
6.15pm	Collection time		

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