



# Clacton County High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very excited to let you know that Clacton County High School has been selected to take part in the pilot phase of a scheme to encourage students to learn musical instruments that are becoming less commonly played in Essex schools. This scheme is fully funded by Essex Music Service and there is no financial cost to parents.

We are now inviting students who are interested in learning an instrument to sign up. The instruments available are:

- **9 Violins**
- **3 Violas**
- **6 Flutes**
- **6 Saxophones**

Lessons will take place in groups of three for 30 minutes each week and will be provided by our excellent instrument tutors from Essex Music Service. The scheme will last for two terms and consist of 20 lessons, including free hire of an instrument. In the second term, students will also be expected to join an ensemble to support their progression on the instrument.

If your child is interested, they should come and see the Head of Music during break or lunchtime to register for their chosen instrument. Places are limited and will be allocated on a *first come, first served* basis.

This scheme is a considerable financial investment in our students, and we ask that parents and carers are fully supportive. A beginner should be practising regularly at home for at least 15 minutes, 5 times a week. Students will also need to take their instrument home and bring it back to school for lessons and ensemble rehearsals.

After the two terms of funded provision, we hope that the students continue their lessons either continuing in their groups at a cost of £65 a term or individual lessons from £97.50 a term. We will continue to provide **free instrument hire** for this term. After this term parents will need to hire an instrument or buy an instrument.

We are very excited about this opportunity and hope many of our students will take part.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Wilson  
Head of Music