

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Music Opportunities at STM

I write to you to inform you of the exciting range of opportunities we have available in the Music Department at STM. Music is a fantastic way to develop self-motivation, practice and performance skills that will benefit your child later in life. Research also shows that playing a musical instrument can enhance verbal memory, spatial reasoning and literacy skills. On top of all of that, it is great fun!

Instrumental tuition is an optional extra available to all students at STM. Lessons are available in the following instruments;

- Guitar acoustic, bass, electric
- Drum Kit
- Flute
- Saxophone
- Clarinet
- Voice
- Cello
- Piano
- Violin/Viola

Lessons take place once per week on the same day, one to one tuition lasting 20 minutes. Students are excused from their normal lessons to attend their instrumental/vocal lesson, which rotates each week.

We are very fortunate to have a very highly skilled and professional team of teachers. Their costs vary slightly, roughly between £12-14 per week and depending on your financial circumstances, there may be funds available to support the cost of tuition.

If your child is interested in lessons, please email <u>sgray@stm.srscmat.co.uk</u> and I will put you in touch with the relevant instrumental teacher.

In addition to instrumental lessons, our co-curricular programme is now up and running.

- Tuesdays Vocal Group at 3.15-4.15 all welcome, no auditions necessary.
- Thursdays Jazz Band at 3.15-4.15

'Save the date!'

Wednesday 20th December – Music Concert – tickets will be available from early December, hope you can join us!

Kind regards,

Shelley Gray

Head of Expressive Arts



