



St. Thomas More

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Unlock Your Musical Potential – Sign Up for Instrumental & Vocal Lessons!

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Over recent years, we've noticed a gradual decline in the number of students learning a musical instrument or taking vocal lessons. This is something we view with real concern, as music education plays such a vital role in personal, academic, and creative development. With this letter, I want to highlight just how valuable instrumental and vocal tuition can be and to remind you of the brilliant opportunities available right here in school to get involved.

Whether you're a beginner looking to try something new or an experienced player hoping to refine your skills, regular one-to-one lessons can make a huge difference in your musical journey. These lessons not only improve your technical ability, but they also build confidence, discipline, creativity, and a deeper appreciation of music. Many students also find that learning an instrument gives them a sense of purpose, enjoyment, and pride.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding team of peripatetic music teachers who bring a wealth of experience and passion to their teaching. They work with students of all levels and are here to help you achieve your goals, whatever they may be.

If you're interested in starting lessons or would like more information, feel free to contact our wonderful instrumental and vocal staff directly:

 **Dave Morton** – Guitar (acoustic/electric and bass guitar)

 dave.morton.gt@hotmail.co.uk

 **Jason Curteis** – Violin/Viola

 dave.morton.gt@hotmail.co.uk

 **Ric Lee** – Drums/Percussion

 fast.west@zen.co.uk

 **Clare O'Neill** – Voice & piano

 clareoneill522@gmail.com

 **Ben Simnett** – Woodwind (saxophone, clarinet and flute)

 bensimnett@yahoo.com

Don't miss out on the chance to take your musical journey further — whether it's finding your voice, mastering your instrument, or trying something completely new, there's something for everyone.

If you have any questions or would like help choosing an instrument, please don't hesitate to reach out to me as well.

Kind regards,



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