

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs R V Worth



June 2026

Ref: 25/26 Current Year 9

Dear Parent(s),

RE: Peripatetic Lessons for the Autumn Term 2026/2027 (Sept – Dec 2026)
Music Students going into Year 10 in September 2026

As you will be aware, students who are undertaking a GCSE in Music are eligible for funded weekly instrumental lessons with a tutor provided by Southend Music Services. These lessons last for a duration of 15 minutes and take place either during the school lunch hour or after school. Currently within the school, instrumental music tuition is offered on the following musical instruments: violin, guitar (acoustic, bass and electric), clarinet, saxophone, flute, brass (trumpet, French horn etc.), drum, piano and keyboard.

My records indicate that **in the Academic year 2026/2027 your son will start his Music GCSE and so become eligible for these funded lessons**. Whilst most students do take up this offer, if your son is having private tuition outside of school and would rather continue with those instead, this is fine.

In order to access these lessons, a **refundable deposit of £90.00** is required (payable via ParentPay, please see instructions at the bottom of this letter). This deposit is held by the school for the length of his GCSEs, with deductions made for lessons which are not attended and for which prior notice is not given. Once the GCSE course is completed, any remaining balance is either refunded to you, or rolled over for students who wish to continue with A Level Music.

Please **complete the MS Form** linked below, confirming whether you wish to take up this offer. If your child is an existing student, Summer 25/26 slots will carry on to the next year, but you have an option of indicating your child's preference. You will then be emailed directly to confirm the lesson time for the upcoming terms. Please ensure that this form is completed by the deadline date of **Thursday 25th June 2026**. There will be an opportunity to change time slots after October half term, this will be subject to availability.

If you would like for your son to have a double lesson, or an additional lesson on a different instrument, the cost of this extra lesson will be borne by you. The cost of each lesson is £10.10, which means an annual course of 34 lessons totals £343.40. This is broken down into the following termly charges: £131.30 for the Autumn term, £111.10 for the Spring term and £101 for the Summer Term. All amounts are payable in advance of the start of the new term.

The procedure for booking these extra lessons is through ParentPay. **After** you have been provided with confirmation of your son's funded lesson slot, you will be able to log onto ParentPay and pay for a double slot. For any additional instruments desired please email Miss Payagala at finance@shsb.org.uk.



Parents of GCSE and A-Level Music students are given early access to ParentPay to allow them to book double slots, if desired, **on Monday 22nd June**. ParentPay will open to all other parents of students currently having lessons on Thursday 2nd July.

Parentpay payment instructions:

Payment of GCSE Lesson Deposit of £90.00

- Log into Parentpay
- Select "Autumn 2025/26 Music GCSE/A Level deposit"
- Proceed through to payment

Payment for any additional lessons

1. Log in to ParentPay and select the "Instrumental Lessons" category from the main Homepage.
2. Make the payment in Autumn Peripatetic Lessons 2026/27.
3. Select the quantity to two if you would like a double lesson.
4. Proceed through to payment.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on Finance@shsb.org.uk

The time and location of lessons allocated will be displayed on a timetable outside of the finance office and in the music department at the start of the autumn term. *It is anticipated that lessons will start in the second week of the term, that commencing Monday 7th September 2026.*

Please find the MS Form linked below:

[Peripatetic Lessons - Autumn 26/27 New GCSE pupils – Fill in form](#)

Please find the terms and condition document for peripatetic lessons linked below:

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=4155>

Yours sincerely,

Miss Payagala
Finance Assistant & Peripatetic Administrator