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BEXLEY MUSIC

Charging, Remissions and Subsidy Policy

Our priority is to ensure that all children and young people and other members of the community, regardless of background, are able to access high quality, diverse, music education and are encouraged to develop high aspirations for their musical engagement. *Our Charging, Remissions and Subsidy Policy* aims to ensure this is the case, and we work flexibly with funding/funders to help support as many families and young people as we can.

Bexley Music (Evening and Saturday Centre, Belmont Academy)

- The charging structure for instrumental lessons and ensembles is subsidised by Bexley Music. The fees passed onto parents do not represent the full cost to Bexley Music
- Discounts are available for ensemble membership for:
  - More than one member of a family
  - Membership of more than one ensemble
  - Over 65s
- Bespoke instalment/ payment plans are offered for all lessons and music tour payments
- Holiday courses and clubs are heavily subsidised or free

Schools' Provision

We encourage and support schools to make use of their resources, including pupil premium and other available funding to support those families who are in need and want to access music education opportunities beyond the curriculum.

- Bexley Music with support from Arts Council England, offers the opportunity for all schools to take advantage of subsidised First Access lessons (Whole Class Ensemble Tuition) – the equivalent of a fully funded term of lessons, including a free class set of instruments. We work with schools to ensure all whole class activity is free to all participants.
- Bexley Music holiday courses and clubs are open to all school pupils at the subsidised rate or free of charge.
- All Music Hub performance opportunities are free of charge to participating schools. This includes the annual Bexley Festival of Music (Fairfield Halls/Royal Festival Halls) and all Music Hub performances in the local area. No contribution is sought for rental charges.
- Music CPD is offered to all schools at a subsidised rate.
- The Bexley Music Hub partnership with London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) offers subsidised places to school staff on the LSO Teacher Training programme (Music in the Classroom)

- Free initial consultations are offered by the Head and Deputy of Bexley Music. Any follow-up is subsidised.
- Annual instrumental demonstrations involving at least 4 Bexley Music tutors are offered free of charge.
- Bespoke projects between Bexley Music Hub and schools are match-funded or subsidised by Bexley Music.

Additional Funding

- London Music Fund (LMF): Our partnership with the LMF provides 4 years of funding to students identified as meeting the criteria. There are 1-2 places available for Bexley students per year.
- Rotary Club: The local organisation through its partnership with the Bexley Music Hub offers funding for music tours, youth music mentoring opportunities, master classes etc. Through the Rotary Club of Sidcup Educational Trust (RoSET), students can apply independently of Bexley Music for funding to 'pursue educational and character forming projects'.
- The Friends of Bexley Music exists to raise funds for Bexley Music, some of which are ring-fenced for pupil bursaries for those experiencing financial barriers to pursuing their music education.
- Bexley Music Bursary Awards: This is a fund financed by grants, awards and fundraising to ensure that the musical opportunities provided by Bexley Music Hub are accessible to all. Eligibility criteria and application forms are available from info@bexley-music.co.uk

External Funding Bodies

There are many organisations that provide support for young musicians If you are looking for financial assistance, or need support with an application please contact us at info@bexley-music.co.uk

Here are a number of key funding organisations. Click on the links for more information:

- **National Youth Arts Trust – access and opportunity in the arts**
- **Awards for Young Musicians -** https://www.a-y-m.org.uk/
- **Future Talent -** https://www.futuretalent.org/
- **Help Musicians -** https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/
- **Music for All** - http://www.musicforall.org.uk/
- **Prince's Trust** - https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/
- **Universal Music UK Sound Foundation** - https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/
- **The Scholarship Hub** - https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/

Fee Increases

Fees will be reviewed annually to ensure they cover Bexley Music's costs and are aligned with inflation. Annual fee increases are applied at the start of the academic year and families and schools will be informed by email in the preceding summer term.

For any further questions or for a discussion about financial support, parents and schools are invited to contact the Bexley Music directly at info@bexley-music.co.uk