

# NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has been receiving tuition at primary school, with an NMPAT teacher, and I am writing to inform you about your options as they move up to secondary school.

## **NMPAT Instrumental Tuition in Secondary Schools**

- NMPAT has visiting instrumental music teachers in almost every Northamptonshire secondary school, so your child can continue their musical journey as they transition into Year 7.
- In some cases, your child's primary school teacher will also be one of the teachers in their secondary school, in which case, lessons can continue in school, with very little disruption.
- If there is a different NMPAT teacher in your child's secondary school, information about your child's grade / level, instrument and repertoire can be readily passed on between NMPAT staff, to facilitate a smooth transition.
- In some secondary schools, we have more than one teacher from the same instrument family (e.g., woodwind, brass) in order to provide more specialist teaching: for example, we may have a flute specialist and a clarinet specialist delivering woodwind tuition in the same school.

## **How do I book lessons in my child's secondary school?**

- Almost every secondary school in Northamptonshire books lessons with NMPAT. To ensure that your child is put on their new school's instrumental / vocal teaching lists, you will need to confirm with the school directly that you would like to purchase lessons.
- Please note that NMPAT cannot do this for you; if you don't let your new school know you would like lessons, they will not automatically schedule them for you.
- In many cases, letters about instrumental lessons from secondary schools are issued in your Year 7 welcome packs, so please look out for them in the summer term.
- If you have not received any information from your child's secondary school regarding instrumental tuition, we strongly advise that you contact the school directly and ask them what procedures they have to allow you to make arrangements for music lessons.

## **What happens to the instrument my child has been loaned from NMPAT?**

- Whilst purchasing your child their own instrument is extremely beneficial to their long-term progress, NMPAT instruments can be loaned to secondary school students. Please speak to your child's current NMPAT teacher, who will be able to advise you about your loaned instrument.

## **My child would like to change instruments and / or add a second instrument; what can I do?**

- In many secondary schools, there are opportunities for additional tuition, or opting to change to a different instrument if you wish to do so; information may be included in your welcome pack. If you can't find it, please contact the school directly.

## **My child wants to continue lessons but not in school; what can I do?**

- NMPAT offer individual lessons, for specialist one-to-one instrumental tuition; for more information contact NMPAT on 01604 637117 or visit [www.nmpat.co.uk/lessons](http://www.nmpat.co.uk/lessons)

Many of our Saturday Centres also offer group sessions. For full details, please visit our website [www.nmpat.co.uk/centres](http://www.nmpat.co.uk/centres)

I wish your child continued success on their musical journey.

Yours faithfully

Peter Smalley  
Chief Executive