

Training Band Expression of Interest 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

We are fortunate to be able to offer two ensemble opportunities for students learning Band instruments at Bellingham PS:

- Concert Band for players with some experience;
- **Training Band** for students who are **total beginners on their instruments**.

How does it work?

- Right from the outset, Training Band students can play together as well as having individual lessons on their chosen instrument. Rehearsals are on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:05.
- While discovering how to play increasingly beautiful sounds on their instruments, students also learn how to read music.
- Instruments (**apart from drums**) are available to hire from school.
- Band instruments include: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Percussion and Bass Guitar.

Will it be hard?

Practice is the key to success. We all find learning new things difficult at times, but when we give it our best shot, it is amazing what we can achieve.

Students who join the Training Band are asked to make a commitment for at least two school terms. This includes regular attendance at weekly lessons and band rehearsals as well as regular practice at home. Students who practice 4 or 5 times a week for 15-20 minutes always succeed.

Learning to read music and play an instrument is not only a fantastic workout for our brains, it's also a great way to have fun, while learning to work together as a team.

How much does it cost?

There is a weekly fee of \$5 for Band, which includes sheet music as well as rehearsal sessions. Training Band students will also need to sign up for lessons with a music teacher at school. Individual 30 minute lessons are generally \$35 per week and take place during school time.

Ready to sign up?

Circle your preferences on the form attached and return it to the school office.

Not sure which instrument to choose?

Make a note in the comments section on the form that you would like some help making a decision and I will get in touch.

Kind regards,

Hazel Buchanan
Band Director

Training Band Expression of Interest Form 2024

Student's name: _____ Year Group in 2024: _____

Contact details: (mobile) _____

(email) _____

Parent/carer name: _____

Please complete as appropriate:

I am new to learning an instrument; or

I have been learning _____ for _____ years

I would / would not like to hire an instrument from school

Please note: Drum students will need a kit to practice on at home but these are not available to hire from school. Advice about what to purchase can be provided.

I am interested in learning (please circle your preferences 1st to 3rd)

Flute	1	2	3
Oboe	1	2	3
Clarinet	1	2	3
Saxophone	1	2	3
Trumpet	1	2	3
French Horn	1	2	3
Trombone	1	2	3
Bass Guitar	1	2	3
Drum Kit	1	2	3

Comments:

Please return to the School Office by 30 November 2023