

## **WIDER OPPORTUNITIES WHOLE CLASS (FIRST ACCESS) INSTRUMENTAL TUITION**

**Wider Opportunities** was launched nationwide in 2005 as a DfE initiative to encourage pupils to experience learning a musical instrument. In Slough, our programme offers every class in at least one year group up to 45 minute lessons on a weekly basis (30 weeks) over the academic year. Lessons take place as a whole class activity during school, and are free for the pupils.

The aim is to engage pupils with musical activities beyond the normal national curriculum entitlement and introduce them to playing a musical instrument. At the end of the wider opportunities year, we offer the chance for pupils to continue with instrumental lesson in your school if they wish, though the full cost of these lessons will need to be met by parents/ carers or the school. In subsequent years, we offer your school the same programme for the new year cohort.

We currently offer a range of instruments including strings, woodwind, brass, drumming and guitar.

The programme is very much a partnership between music service instrumental specialists and the school. We do not wish to come into the school, deliver a lessons and leave, but to integrate our schemes of work and incorporate an element of CPD. We ask that the class teacher and/or TA actively join in the lesson on a weekly basis, learning the instrument alongside the pupils, help with class management and assessment, support the technical aspects of the lesson, and where confident, lead some elements of the lesson (e.g. musicianship games or a song). This team teaching method offers an excellent role model for the pupils (seeing their teacher learn with them), and offers good CPD for both school and music service staff who can learn skills from each other.

Our staff availability is limited, so whilst we try to accommodate scheduling needs, we ask for as much flexibility as possible in agreeing a timetable. This invariably means that lessons need to be in the mornings.

### **Slough Music Service will provide:**

- Up to a 45 minutes per week tuition per class, 30 weeks a year, for one year group
- A specialist instrumental tutor, schemes of work and supporting resources
- Instruments for pupils and class teacher/TA

### **Schools are asked to commit to provide:**

- At least 1 class teacher/TA to share the lesson on a weekly basis
- Sufficient clear space to teach a class of pupils safely with instruments (eg small hall or clear classroom)
- Secure storage for instruments

### **We would also like to offer:**

- Termly performances to the other pupils and parents
- Continuing tuition in your school to pupils after the funded year has ended

**Please contact us at the above number if you have any queries or wish to book a programme for your school.**