



Emerson Park Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you with some exciting news from the Music Department.

We have created a DJ booth and Vocal Room and have been very fortunate in securing a set of Pioneer DJ decks for the pupils to use in Music.

From September, we will be able to offer individual DJ and Music Production lessons. Our Music Production teacher, Mr Wait, is an award-winning producer and Music Technology specialist.

These lessons allow pupils to learn how to DJ on professional equipment and how to use music software to produce and compose Music. The new GCSE Music syllabus allows DJing as a performance option for the practical work, which could be suitable for pupils who do not sing or play an instrument. It could also be a valuable experience for instrumentalists and singers to develop additional skills in this field, preparing them for a career in the contemporary music industry.

Singing Lessons

Ilena di Camillo from Havering Music School has recently started teaching singing and is looking for more pupils to enrol. Ilena specialises in training and coaching young voices in pop, rock, musical theatre and jazz. She has been teaching since 2005 and has many qualifications, including; PGCert in Applied Professional Practice (Vocal pedagogy), and is a certified Vocal First Aider.

Music Lessons from September 2023

Playing an instrument is one of the best ways to keep the brain healthy; "It engages every major part of the central nervous system," said John Dani, PhD. Playing an instrument while growing up provides life-long benefits to the brain. Currently, we offer the following lessons:

Piano / Keyboard

Guitar / Bass Guitar / Ukulele

Saxophone and Clarinet

Flute

Singing - **NEW**

DJing / Production - **NEW**

Strings

Brass

Please [click here](#) to renew your child's lessons for September 2023 or to sign them up for lessons.

Singing Competition

On the 29th June, we will be holding a singing competition. All year groups are welcome to take part. First Prize is 3 hrs in a professional studio to lay down some tracks and £100 in Amazon Vouchers. The winner will be announced at the end of the Year Concert on the 6th July. **Please register your child for this event [here](#)**

End of Year Concert

On the 6th July, we are holding an end of Year Concert. All pupils who have lessons at school must contribute to the evening. Tickets will be available to buy on ParentPay.

Clubs

The following clubs start next week:

Mondays during lunchtime - Vocal Group

Tuesdays during lunchtime - Theory Group

In September, we plan to launch our newly acquired Steel Pan Band and a Music Production Club in. I will be back in touch nearer the time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mr D Milner-Pearce". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Mr D Milner-Pearce BMus
Head of Music