

Dynamics – The Medway Music Education Hub CIC

Remissions and Subsidy Policy

Dynamics exists to provide wide-ranging, diverse and high quality musical opportunities for children and young people throughout Medway. We firmly believe that musical opportunities should be fully accessible to every young person in Medway. Financial, social or other barriers should not stand in the way for any child or young person. All children should have access to high quality performance opportunities and cultural experiences. We aspire to identify, support and empower musically talented young people through accessible routes to progression to the highest level they can achieve.

In School Provision

Dynamics offers highly accessible progression routes in schools.

At KS1, Dynamics offers fully funded 8-week Introduction to Music projects, with associated school staff CPD, to all Medway schools and academies.

Dynamics KS2 Wider Opportunities programme offers fully funded 30-week whole class instrumental lessons on ukulele, ocarina, recorder and djembe drumming. This is offered to at least 25% of KS2 pupils in every Medway school and academy. Dynamics KS2 Wider Opportunities programme also offers fully funded and subsidised small group instrumental tuition beyond whole class provision. The instrumental programme in school for continuers can be expanded through bespoke arrangements with each school. KS2 Wider Opportunities funding is calculated through Partnership Funding, bursary, if applicable, and Music Grant from Dynamics CIC, taking into account deprivation factors and other contextual points. It is the responsibility of schools to ensure a remissions policy is in place to support continuers.

Medway Secondary schools and academies can apply to the Dynamics Secondary Funding Programme to support a project that provides demonstrably new provision (or sustains an existing Dynamics Funded Project) for Year 6-7 Transition projects and instrumental or choral projects designed to support continuers and/or nurture new ensembles. It is the responsibility of schools to ensure a remissions policy is in place to support continuers.

Endangered instrument projects may be fully funded in addition to projects outlined above.

Dynamics offers free CPD programme for Primary and Secondary school teachers, including courses, resources, networks and outreach.

Instruments

Dynamics provides instruments to pupils on loan through their school at no charge. Loans can be made to support Dynamics-funded projects and for pupils having lessons with Licensed Music Teachers, subject to availability. The safe keeping, repair, maintenance, insurance and replacement costs for these instruments are the responsibility of the school. All instruments in need of repair or maintenance should be collected by our Instrument Manager for the work to be undertaken, and not repaired privately. Please contact instruments@dynamicsmedway.co.uk to arrange this.

Medway Music Association

Medway Music Association (MMA) delivers Music Centres, Medway Ensembles, Holiday Courses and Events in partnership with Dynamics. MMA has its own remissions policy for its activities and shares Dynamics' commitment to accessibility. For example, Music Centre and Medway Ensembles are charged at £15 for the year (only one charge per child). An MMA bursary is available for all their activities, including lessons. School contributions to large scale events are highly accessible, with current charges of £2 per child for Festivals.

Appendix

Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme

The Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS) enables students of local authority and academy schools to purchase musical instruments through their school net of VAT providing the sale to the student meets the criteria below:

- The instrument or item must be sold to the local authority or school and then supplied onto the student or their guardian;
- The student must be receiving state education;
- The instrument must be used as part of their musical tuition;
- The instrument must be appropriate to the student's needs; and
- The price charged to the student for the purchase of the instrument must be at or below cost (please see VATGPB7815 for a definition).

For more information please contact your child's school directly. For full details visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/vat-government-and-public-bodies/vatgpb7825>