



ST. JULIAN'S
SCHOOL

Guide to Instrumental Tuition Secondary School

Academic Year 2017 - 2018

Learning an instrument provides opportunities to promote the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, physical and academic development of our students in line with the school's mission statement.

Why learn a musical instrument?

- Learning an instrument is an enjoyable and rewarding activity. It helps develop students' confidence, physical co-ordination, organising ability and creativity.
- There is growing evidence that learning an instrument develops intelligence and the capacity to learn.
- Many students take examinations on their instruments. These are now recognised as having GCSE equivalence and earn UCAS points, which are used for university entry.

What tuition is available?

- The following instruments are offered to students from years 6 to 13:

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| FLUTE | VIOLIN | TRUMPET | PIANO |
| CLARINET | VIOLA | TROMBONE | DRUM KIT |
| BASSOON | CELLO | FRENCH HORN | VOICE |
| OBOE | DOUBLE BASS | ACOUSTIC GUITAR | |
| SAXOPHONE | | ELECTRIC/BASS GUITAR | |

If you do not have an instrument but you would like to start lessons, you may hire one from the school, subject to availability. Fees for hiring instruments are as follows:

25 euros per term for all instruments

- Parents are responsible for the safety of any school instrument being used at home.
- If students wish to buy their own instrument teachers will be pleased to advise them.

What about the lessons?

- Lessons usually occur weekly. Students in Years 3 to 10 are normally timetabled during lessons, using a rotation system so that the same lesson is not always missed. Students in Years 11 to 13 are timetabled during break times, lunchtimes, free periods or after school.

How do students know where and when lessons occur?

- Lesson times are displayed clearly on the instrumental tuition notice board, opposite Music Room 2, usually for up to a week before the lesson.
- The student (or teacher for the youngest students) writes dates and times of lessons in the student's practice book or planner. This lets parents know when and where lessons occur.
- At least one day before lessons, students see class teachers to ask permission, as a courtesy, to miss their normal lesson (or part of it).
- Students are expected to catch up work missed and complete homework set.
- It is the student's responsibility to let instrumental teachers know in advance about events that will affect their lessons such as school visits, tests or personal absences so that lessons can be re-timetabled if possible.

How much do lessons cost?

- A termly fee covers lessons and related ensemble sessions given during a school term.
- We aim to give 33 lessons across the year.
- Students taking GCSE and IB Music will be entitled to a discount.

| Type of lesson | Length of lesson | Cost per term |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Individual | 30 minutes | 235€ |
| Individual | 45 minutes | 310€ |
| Paired (two students) | 45 minutes | 185€ |
| Group (three or four students) | 45 minutes | 130€ |

- As far as possible, we try to give parents and students their choice (of individual, paired or group lessons); sometimes a type of lesson may not be available.
- When lessons are missed because of national holidays or non-student days, teachers may change the day. If the full number of lessons is not reached within the term, extra lessons will be given the following term or the next invoice reduced accordingly.
- Additional costs may include buying music and exam entries.
- Lessons may not be terminated during any term, and one month's notice is required.

How do we pay?

- Invoices are sent before the beginning of term.
- Payment should be made in advance upon receipt of the invoice.
- Any query about the invoice should be made immediately to the Music Department.
- Invoices should be paid to the accounts office not the Music Department.

What about the teachers?

- We employ specialist teachers who visit the school. Some work only for a few hours, others for several days.
- Information about the teachers will be available on the Music Department website.
- If you wish to contact the Music Department, you may telephone or send an e-mail to *music@stjulians.com*.

What about practice?

- Students must practise regularly.
- For most instruments, students need a music stand and a place where they can practice without too many distractions.
- Instruments must NOT be left at school during weekends or holidays.

What are the opportunities for ensemble playing?

- There are various instrumental and vocal groups run by music staff and students are encouraged to take part in one or more of these activities. This can help develop students' musical skills and confidence as well as being an enjoyable way to make music. Singing students are obliged to participate in the choir.

If you wish to apply for tuition, please complete the enclosed application form and return it to the Music Department after obtaining the necessary signatures.

Application for Instrumental Tuition at St Julian's School 2017-2018

Name of student: _____ Class: _____
(Please print with surname in CAPITALS))

I / We have read the information on
Instrumental Tuition and wish to apply for lessons.

WHICH INSTRUMENT WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD TO LEARN?

WHICH TYPE OF LESSON WOULD YOU PREFER?

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Paired <i>(not for piano or drums)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Group <i>(not for piano or drums)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>(please indicate which)</i> | |

Name of parent(s) or contact at home: _____

Contact number(s): _____

e-mail address: _____

Please obtain all four signatures before handing in. Students should collect these!

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (student)

Signed: _____ (HT or tutor) _____ (class music teacher)

J. Correia (Head of Music)

(for office use only)

Date started _____

Teacher Assignment _____

Paired with _____

Date ended and confirmation attached _____