



ST. JULIAN'S
SCHOOL

Guide to Instrumental Tuition Primary 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.
- Playing a musical instrument opens opportunities to enjoy music making with others in ensembles and groups.

What tuition is available?

- The following instruments are offered to students from years 2 to 5:

PIANO VIOLIN and CELLO (from year 3) WIND BAND (flute, clarinet, trumpet,
oboe, saxophone, french horn from year 5)

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 5 are normally timetabled during lessons, using a rotation system so that the same lesson is not always missed. Students in Year 2 have lessons during lunchtime or after school, or may be withdrawn from normal lessons by agreement with the class teacher.

How do students know where and when lessons occur?

- The student (or teacher for the youngest students) writes dates and times of lessons in the student's practice book. This lets parents know when and where lessons occur.
- The child's class teacher will be informed of the lesson times.

How much do lessons cost?

- A termly fee covers lessons and related ensemble sessions, where appropriate given during a school term.
- We aim to give 33 lessons across the year.

Type of lesson	Length of lesson	Cost per term
Individual	30 minutes	235€
Individual	45 minutes	310€
Paired (two students)	30 minutes	130€
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 books.
- 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 for all instruments.
- 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 orchestral instruments, students need a music stand and a place where they can practise without too many distractions. Piano students need access to an instrument for regular practice.
- Instruments must NOT be left at school during weekends or holidays.

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	45 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group	<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 three signatures before handing in.

Signed: _____ (parent)

Signed: _____ (class teacher) _____ (class music teacher)

_____ *(for office use only)* J. Correia (Head of Music)

Date started _____

Teacher Assignment _____

Paired with _____

Date ended and confirmation attached _____