



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT JFS

Applications Period	Autumn Term 2024
Deadline for Applications	Friday 12 th July 2024

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT WE OFFER

We are able to offer an extensive range of instrumental lessons on a private basis to our students. All lessons are taught by highly qualified and experienced teachers. We will do our best to accommodate your choice of instrument. Tuition on the following instruments is normally available:

Piano	Flute	Theory	Acoustic guitar
Keyboard	Clarinet	Drums	Classical guitar
Voice	Saxophone	Electric guitar	Bass guitar

2. WHEN AND WHERE WILL LESSONS TAKE PLACE?

Lessons take place during the school day and are rotated throughout the term so that, wherever possible, the same academic lesson is not missed more than two or three times in one term. Lessons will take place in the suite of practice rooms in the Music Department. Notices giving the exact location are placed on the Music Department notice board (next to the Theatre) and outside the Music Office (Z117).

3. HOW MUCH DO LESSONS COST?

There are two options for lessons (please see below).

Option 1	Option 2
40 minute lessons of individual tuition	20 minute lessons of individual tuition
10 lessons this term (average of 30 per year)	10 lessons this term (average of 30 per year)
Termly Cost £240 (£24.00 per lesson) payable termly in advance *	Termly Cost £120 (£12.00 per lesson) payable termly in advance *

Please do not send a cheque at this stage. You will be invoiced separately by your child's instrumental teacher.

4. DO I NEED MY OWN INSTRUMENT?

Yes. The school is able to provide instruments on the day of the lesson itself. However, students will need their own instrument to practice at home. Woodwind and brass students should bring their own mouthpiece in for use with school instruments.

The School is able to advise on the purchase of instruments. The School operates an Assisted Purchase Scheme which enables parents to buy an instrument without paying VAT.

5. IS THERE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR INSTRUMENT LESSONS?

A limited number of bursaries are available to JFS students who are already in receipt of financial support. If you are not already in receipt of such support but are experiencing considerable financial difficulty nonetheless, you may write to the Head teacher who will ask for further, precise information from you before considering what - if any - assistance the School **may** be able to give.

6. ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

Yes. Students learning an instrument within School are expected to join one (or more if they wish) of the extra-curricular groups, which are run during the lunch hours. At present, these are:

JFS Voices	African Drumming	Steel Pans
String Group	Wind Band	

7. HOW DO I KNOW IF MUSIC LESSONS ARE RIGHT FOR MY CHILD?

Before you commit yourself to learning to play an instrument, you and your child must be able to answer 'yes' to the following:

- My child will attend lessons regularly and be committed to the subject.
- My child will practise on a regular basis at home.
- My child will attend at least one extra-curricular Music activity.

8. HOW DO I APPLY FOR LESSONS?

- If you would like to register your son/daughter for lessons, **please complete FORM A** attached and return it to Mrs Bellinger in the Music Department. Retain this covering letter for your own information.
- **The Contract attached is for advance information only. Please read the terms and conditions carefully before committing your son/daughter to lessons.**
- If you apply for lessons and then withdraw you will be eligible for 50% of the term's fees.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- On receipt of your application we will allocate a teacher.
- The teacher will write to you (before the start of term) introducing themselves and with an invoice for the term's fees. Details of the time and date of the first lesson will be included.
- If you have applied for a bursary you may be contacted by the school requesting further information.

The arrangements for private music lessons are made between you and the individual teacher. The School's role is limited to introducing the teacher and enabling the lessons to take place in School. We hope that no difficulties will arise but if they do you must resolve them direct with the teacher concerned.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Bellinger
Subject Leader for Music

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Contract (*for information only*)