



Instrument Lessons – Preparatory School

We are delighted that you are considering individual music lessons for your child. Music plays a central part in the life of the school and many pupils take advantage of the expert tuition on offer from a staff of 17 visiting music teachers (VMTs). In addition to all orchestral and band instruments (i.e. woodwind, strings, brass and percussion), tuition is also available in piano, guitar and singing. As well as the individual lessons, your child will also benefit from the myriad different music ensembles, run by either full-time music staff or VMTs which are a fantastic way of building confidence on the instrument, while having great fun!

We offer 36 individual lessons throughout the school year (an average of 12 each term). The cost of lessons is currently £275 per term (for the academic year 2023-24) in the Prep School (25-minute lessons). Tuition fees are payable in advance through the school billing system. All lessons rotate within the school timetable, so your child will not miss too much of any particular subject during a term. When pupils learn more than one instrument we endeavour to fix lessons for one of the instruments outside academic lesson time.

With the exception of piano, drum kit, electric guitar and acoustic guitar, the school has a stock of instruments that can be hired for a small fee (currently £48 a term) to enable pupils to start lessons. The hire period for a school instrument should not usually exceed one year, after which time pupils would normally be expected to have their own instrument. This enables the school instruments to be used by the next year of aspiring instrumentalists!

If your child wishes to have individual instrumental tuition, please read our [terms and conditions](#) carefully before completing the booking form on the Engage Parent Portal. A 'come and try' session can be arranged before your child starts lessons, should you request it, this will take place in a break or a lunchtime.

Once we have received your booking request, confirmation will be sent to you by our Music Administrator, [Mrs Alison Butt](#) who will be in touch to confirm arrangements.