



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS – Academic Year 2025-26

Arrangements and Charges

Tuition will be during the school day. Places are limited and a waiting list may operate for some instruments. Students will work towards graded exams within their instrumental lessons and there will be opportunities to enter for these under the guidance of the music tutor. Students receiving instrumental tuition should be encouraged to **practice a minimum of 50 minutes per week** (for example: 10 minutes of practice, 5 days a week) in between their weekly lessons to help ensure progress. 50 minutes a week is a guideline amount for young students to get started – keen/more-experienced students will likely practice for longer and more often. The rate of mastery attained on an instrument usually correlates with the amount of constructive practice undertaken. Students who do not practice are unlikely to make any significant progress. It is an expectation that any student taking instrumental lessons within the school, engages with the music enrichment programme by joining the appropriate extra-curricular music ensemble.

We currently offer the following instruments, which are now available to pay for via WisePay / Arbor: -

Piano

Drums

Voice

Guitar: Acoustic, Electric and Bass guitar, Ukulele

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass

Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon and Saxophone

Brass: Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba, Cornet, Euphonium, and Baritone

Charges for lessons

Lessons are arranged on the basis of a yearly commitment. There will be 32 lessons over the academic year, spread according to term length. Payment details for each term and the number of lessons per term are outlined below. Please note that late payments **will not** be accepted.

- Individual lessons: £12.75 per 20 minute session

Students who are eligible and registered for free school meals (FSM) will be able to have lessons at reduced rates:

- FSM Individual lessons: £10.75 per 20 minute session

Please attach a copy of the awarding letter confirming your current receipt of free school meals if you are applying for lessons at the reduced rate.

Termly fees

Term	Number of Lessons	Total cost	Deadline for Payment
Autumn	11	Individual: £140.25	Friday 11 th July 2025
		FSM Individual: £118.25	
Spring	10	Individual: £127.50	Friday 28 th November 2025
		FSM Individual: £107.50	
Summer	11	Individual: £140.25	Friday 27 th February 2026
		FSM Individual: £118.25	

Charges for Hire of Instruments:

Instruments may be hired through the music services Soundstorm.

Individual Hire		
Instruments may be hired to an individual student for an academic year. The cost is dependent on the category of the instrument, see below. Soundstorm offers Access Grants for individuals who cannot meet the cost of hiring an instrument. Prices quoted are for the 25-26 academic year. For further details please visit www.soundstorm-music.org.uk		
Category	Instrument	Cost per academic year
A	Viola, Violin	£60
B	Alto Saxophone, Cello, Clarinet, Cornet, Flute, Tenor Horn, Trumpet	£90

Conditions

All instruments are subject to availability.

The hirer must organise to collect the instruments, at their own expense, from the SoundStorm instrument store at Absolute Music, Knighton Heath Estate, 855 Ringwood Road, Bournemouth, BH11 8NE (by appointment only). At the end of the hire period, the hirer must similarly organise to return the hired instruments, at their own expense, to the SoundStorm instrument store (by appointment only).

Payment

It is our intention that lessons will commence the week beginning Monday 15th September 2025.

All payments **must** be received by the date given. Payments should be made using the school's on-line WisePay facility for the Autumn payment and then via Arbor for Spring and Summer Terms. *For parents of new Yr7 students (September 25 starters), payments will be made only via the on-line facility Arbor, information on this can be found on the school website under 'Transition Portal'.*

Students will not be able to participate in lessons for the term if payment is NOT received in time.

Cancellation cannot be requested during the term; once the fee has been paid, no refund will be given.

Music Lessons

Informing Class Teachers

It is the student's responsibility to notify their class teacher at the beginning of the lesson so that they can be released from class to go to their music lesson. If a student enters a lesson late, it is their responsibility to return to class via Student Support, who will mark them present, with a note indicating what time they registered and that they were in a music lesson.

Times of lessons

Timetables will be issued to students via email prior to the start of each term, wherever possible and will also be displayed on the music noticeboard opposite the lockers in the gym corridor. Students should make a note of the times of their lessons in their student planner.

It is also the student's responsibility to inform their music teacher in advance of any exams/trips expected to clash with their lessons so alternative arrangements can be made wherever possible. Students will be charged for the lesson if sufficient notice is not given. Please note that no refunds can be issued for student absence, illness or holidays taken during term time. However, if the tutor is absent, a refund will be issued to the original payee.

Parent and student responsibilities

Students are expected to come prepared to all lessons with their instrument and any music they have been given to learn.