



September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSON REQUEST FORM 2021/22

Our School has a strong reputation for the range and quality of its music. Many students learn an instrument or study singing and have regular opportunities to perform in concerts, shows and reviews.

There are lots of different instruments to choose from: Piano, Singing, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Euphonium, Cornet, Tuba, Guitar (Electric, Classical and Bass), Drums.

If you are unsure as to which instrument you'd like to learn we can offer a free taster lesson to help you decide. Once you've chosen, you get one lesson a week. These are mostly 35 minutes long, though you can also opt for 20 minute lessons (generally intended for Junior School pupils).

Your teacher will be able to recommend where to get an instrument to start on, either to hire or buy. There are various local suppliers and the school has some instruments available for hire too. As you become more confident and want to take your instrument further, you'll need to think about buying your own.

One of the great things about music is that you can perform with others. We have different groups that you can join in with when it is appropriate, and possible. E.g. in the Senior School: Orchestra, Jazz Band, Rock Club, singing groups, wind ensemble and in the Junior School: Orchestra, String Group, and Gospel Choir.

If you'd like to take up an instrument, just fill out the form below and return it to me. If you prefer, you can email it to me instead.

Our instrumental teachers are responsible for setting their fees which are payable in advance at the beginning of each term. They will contact you directly to make all necessary arrangements once the form has been received. I've included a table of current prices below, so that you can work out what tuition will cost. Fees are reviewed annually, in July, for any increase in September.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Martin Goodchild

Director of Music

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INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSON FEES 2021/22

Teacher	Instrument	35 minute lesson	20 minute lesson
Justin Thurgur	Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn & other Brass	£24.83	£14.19
Emma Fowler	Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute	£24.83	
Nick Evans-Pughe	Violin	£24.83	£14.19
Molly Parsons-Gurr	Cello & Piano	£24.83	£14.19
Christine Bunning	Singing	£24.83	
Gemma Ridsden	Singing	£24.83	£14.19
Sharon Eckman	Singing	£24.83	£14.19
Melissa O'Donnell	Singing	£24.83	£14.19
Jayne Mason	Piano	£24.83	£14.19
Helen Lord	Piano, Violin	£24.83	£14.19
Andrei Pytaleu	Piano	£24.83	£14.19
Dan Wild	Drums	£24.83	£14.19
Ian Whitehead	Drums	£24.83	£14.19
Jonny Pilcher	Guitar/Bass	£24.83	£14.19
Ben Smith	Guitar/Bass	£24.83	£14.19
Kester Tunstall	Guitar	£24.83	£14.19

Name of Pupil: _____

Year/Group: _____ Senior adviser/Junior teacher: _____

Instrument: _____

For singing lessons, what kind of singing interests your child?: _____

Lesson length (please tick as appropriate): 35 minutes (recommended) or 20 minutes

The School assists parents and pupils in setting up lessons with visiting music teachers and ensuring they have the appropriate clearance to work with children. However, the contract, arrangements for lessons, and payment of fees are made directly with the visiting music teacher. Terms and conditions printed on invoices shall govern this arrangement. As with all personal items, the School is not responsible for theft or damage of any instruments and insurance is the parent's responsibility.

All music teachers require **half a term's notice** if instrumental or vocal lessons are to cease, otherwise a fee equivalent to five lessons is payable in lieu. If a pupil is already having lessons in Year 6 (D Group) and is joining the Senior School it is assumed lessons will continue so it is not necessary to fill in another form. Similarly, notice (as above) will need to be given if lessons are to cease at this time.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian): _____

Name (in CAPS): _____

Date: _____

Please return to the Music Department or email to martin.goodchild@stchris.co.uk