

September 2024

Dear Parents

Instrumental Tuition 2024-2025

Learning to sing or play a musical instrument can be a valuable and rewarding experience and has been a popular activity at Hounslow School for many years. This year, we are offering students lessons in:

Brass: Trumpet, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba;
Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone;
Percussion: Keyboard, Piano, Drums;
Strings: Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Bass Guitar, Violin;
Voice: Singing

The majority of peripatetic music lessons are provided by Hampshire Music Service (HMS). Instrumental tuition is usually taught as a shared lesson and is dependent on which instruments are being learnt and the learning level of the student. Individual lessons can be arranged on request.

Peripatetic teachers will be booked in early May 2024 for lessons starting in September.

From September 2024, annual tuition fees will be £317.00 for each instrument in a shared lesson. Individual lessons can be arranged on request at a cost of £583.00. Financial support may be available, please see details below.

All students will receive a minimum of 30 lessons per year and attendance will be monitored. This equates to approximately £10.57 per shared lesson which represents excellent value for money.

Instruments

Students may use their own instruments; however, the school will not be liable for any loss or damage. Hampshire Music Service may be able to provide hire of some instruments, details of which can be found here - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshireremusic/instrumenthire>. There is a termly charge and a contract letter must be signed, together with confirmation that instruments will be covered by home insurance in case of loss, damage or misuse. Minor damage should be paid for by students. There is more information on the Hampshire Music website.

Payments/Financial Support

Annual Payment

We can offer a £30.00 discount if you pay a £50 deposit per instrument by 25th April and the remaining full year's fee by 7th July 2024.

Instalments

We can offer to spread the cost of shared tuition, a £50 deposit per instrument by 25th April and 3 further payments: £90 by 7 July 2024, £90 by 10 November 2024 and £87 by 9 February 2025.

We can offer to spread the cost of individual tuition, a £50 deposit per instrument by 25th April and 3 further payments: £178 by 7 July 2024, £178 by 10 November 2024 and £177 by 9 February 2025.

Financial Support for the academic year starting September 2024

Parents/carers can apply for financial support for tuition fees as outlined below:

- Students who qualify for Free School Meals will receive 100% discount for their first instrument only as long as their requests for financial support for other school events e.g. trips or equipment does not exceed £400 in the academic year, including the discount. Further instruments will be charged at the full rate. Guidelines and criteria for free school meals can be found at: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals
- Students who qualify for pupil premium will receive an annual discount of £100 for their first instrument only as long as their request for financial support for other school events e.g. trips or equipment, does not exceed £250 in the academic year, including the discount. Further instruments will be charged at the full rate. The discount will be applied as follows: £20 discount against the deposit; £30 discount against fees due for term 1; £30 discount against fees due for term 2 and £20 discount against fees due for term 3.
- Children in Care will receive 100% discount for shared lessons on their first instrument. If individual lessons are chosen, then the full amount for shared lessons (£317) will be taken off the cost of individual lessons, resulting in £266 to pay.

If you would like your child to start instrumental tuition in September 2024, or would like more information, please complete the form below by 25 April.

<https://forms.office.com/e/T5aA2awt02>

Yours sincerely

Mr D Veal
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