

Learning a Musical Instrument at Winchcombe School



Tuition is currently available to pupils in the following instruments (current tutors in italics):

- **Drum Kit** – *Kyle Perkins*
- **Guitar** (acoustic and electric) – *Tony Marchetti and Alex Penfold*
- **Piano** – *Matt Sharp and Andy Blissett*
- **Brass** – *Andy Farrington*
- **Woodwind** (Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone) *Matthew Morris*
- **Violin and Cello** – *Caroline Broekman*
- **Voice** – *Victoria Kane*

Please enquire at school if your child has an interest in learning any instruments not mentioned above.

Who will be teaching me, where and when?

Lessons take place during the school day on a rotating timetable - this reduces the possibility of pupils missing the same subject lessons each week. Lessons are delivered by a team of experienced and highly qualified peripatetic teachers. They take place in the practice rooms adjacent to the music classroom. Pupils are expected to check their own lesson times each week on the timetables displayed outside the music classroom, and must ensure that they arrive on time to their lessons (unfortunately it is not always possible to collect pupils). Pupils are expected to catch up on any work missed in lessons and subject teachers will support this.

Fees

Each instrumental teacher is self-employed and therefore set their own charges which are given below and comply with the recommendations set by the Musicians Union (fees correct at July 2020 but subject to change):

	Piano	Drum Kit	Guitar	Woodwind	Brass	Violin/Cello	Voice
20 minute individual lessons – cost per lesson	£10.50	£10.50	£10.50	£10	£10.80	£10	£10.80
30 minute individual lesson – cost per lesson	£15.75	£15.75	£15.75	£15	£15	£15	£16

So that the instrumental teacher can meet the individual needs of each pupil, group lessons are no longer offered at school. You can discuss with the instrumental teacher whether you wish your child to receive a 20 minute or 30-minute individual lesson when you are contacted before the start of term. Fees are expected to be paid in advance and the instrumental teacher will invoice you directly (fees are no longer collected through the school as in previous years).

School support for those qualifying as Pupil Premium

Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium can apply for free instrument tuition. In this case, the school will fund 20-minute lessons (parental “top ups” for the additional 10 minutes can be arranged if a 30-minute lesson is required). Subsidised instrument hire is also available to pupils in this circumstance through the Gloucestershire County Music Hub.

Hire of Instruments:

Instruments can still be hired through the Gloucestershire County Music Hub if needed.

You should discuss instrument hire with the relevant instrumental teacher when organising lessons.

<https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/instrument-hire/>

If you would like your child to learn to play an instrument, please complete the form below and return to Mrs Turner (Head of Music). Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Turner. Email: Lturner@winchcombeschool.co.uk

The information given in the form below will be passed on to the instrumental teachers who will **contact you directly** before the start of term.



To: Mrs Turner (Head of Music)

Child's name:.....

Parent's name:.....

Please the relevant section below:

My Child wishes to **begin** lessons on the following instrument:.....

My child has previously had tuition on this instrument. Please indicate approximately how long your child has been learning and if any examinations/grades have been taken:

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My child is entitled to Pupil Premium and I wish to apply for free instrumental lessons.

Contact Details:

Telephone number.....

Email address.....

Signed..... Date.....

