

# CLAREMONT FAN COURT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

***Please read the following notes carefully before making a decision.***

Tuition is offered (subject to the Head Teacher's approval) in the instruments listed below at the appropriate age groups. The choice of instruments at differing ages takes into account:

- The suitability of instruments for pupils of particular ages, eg size of hands, wind power etc. The peripatetic teacher, after an assessment, reserves the right to delay teaching until the pupil has reached the necessary size for the instrument.
- Particular concentration on the development of melodic playing skills leading to the joys and success of ensemble music-making.
- Instrumental lessons for Year 3 pupils and pupils who are new to the School will commence half a term after they have started to allow the child to settle into the School first.

The pleasures of success in learning a musical instrument are numerous. However, before starting an instrument, please note:

- The number of places for tuition is limited and tuition cannot be guaranteed immediately.
- Learning an instrument should not be taken lightly. It requires regular practice, organisation and commitment.
- Recorder lessons are taught - they are not merely a lunchtime club. Free lunchtime clubs will also be available for the development of ensemble recorder skills.
- Instrumental lessons take place during all curriculum lessons (please see below).

### **Lessons**

Instrumental lessons will take place in the Music School.

A rotation system whereby a pupil misses a different curriculum lesson each week is in operation to ensure minimum disruption to the curriculum. Instrumental lessons, therefore, will be scheduled to take place on rotation during all curriculum subjects, including core subjects.

As pupils miss curriculum lessons to attend instrumental lessons, pupils may only learn one instrument in school time.

Fixed lessons are not available during the School day, including breaktime and lunchtime. However, subject to availability, it may be possible to organise a fixed time before or after School. Such slots are usually very limited as priority has to be given to Year 11 and Sixth Form students.

### **Violin Programme**

All Year 3 and 4 pupils receive free group violin lessons as part of the music curriculum programme. Tuition takes place on a weekly basis during one of the curriculum music lessons. Each child is allocated their own violin by the School on a (free) loan basis which they are able to take home and practise on between lessons. Pupils may also choose to have individual violin lessons to broaden what they are learning in the class lessons. Please use the attached form if you wish to apply for **individual** lessons; there is no need to apply for the Year 3 or 4 group violin lessons.

### **Instruments Offered in the Prep School:**

Year 3: Violin, Cello, Double Bass, Harp\*, Recorder, Flute\*, Piano, Guitar

Year 4: As Year 3 with the addition of: Clarinet\*, Trumpet\*, Bassoon\*, Oboe (up to Grade 5)\*

Year 5: As Year 4 with the addition of: Saxophone\*, Trombone\*, Horn\*

Year 6: As Year 5

\*after prior consultation with the relevant peripatetic teacher as mentioned above

### Hire of Instruments:

Good quality instruments can be hired from external sources at competitive rates. There are many hire and buy schemes in which the instrument can be purchased (with the cost of hire deducted) if the pupil makes good progress. Local suppliers with **approximate** rates are:

INSTRUMENT	SUPPLIER	MONTHLY HIRE CHARGE STARTS FROM
Violin	ABC, Esher	£10
Cello	ABC, Esher	£40
Double Bass	Britten, Byfleet	£65
Flute	ABC, Esher Howarth Co Ltd, London	£14 £23.50 (curved head joint)
Clarinet	ABC, Esher Howarth Co Ltd, London	£18 £10
Trumpet	ABC, Esher	£18 (depending on stock)
Bassoon	Howarth Co Ltd, London	£40 mini £45 full size £60 short-reach
Saxophone	ABC, Esher Howarth Co Ltd, London	£28 £25
Trombone	ABC, Esher	£28
Horn	ABC, Esher	£35 (depending on stock)
Guitar - Acoustic	ABC, Esher	£10
Guitar – Electric (inc amp)	ABC, Esher	£20

### Starting/terminating Lessons

Instrumental/vocal lessons usually start at the beginning of any term. Notice to terminate tuition should be sent to the Accounts Department **by the half-term holiday to take effect from the beginning of the next term.**

Lessons are given on a continuous basis until the appropriate notice is given to terminate them and do not need to be rebooked each term or academic year. However, lessons will terminate automatically at the end of the following Key Stages:

- i. at the end of Year 6
- ii. at the end of the spring term in Year 11 and 13

Lessons must, therefore, be reapplied for at the start of Years 7 and Lower Sixth.

### Payment

Charges for lessons will appear each term on the pupil's fees billing account. If starting lessons during a pupil's first term or mid-way during a term, the charges for the first term will be invoiced with the following term's fees.

Fees are for 10 lessons of 35 minutes per term, or 30 lessons within each academic year. Please contact the Accounts Office for the current charges for instrumental lessons.

### Missed Lessons

Lessons missed because of the peripatetic teacher's absence will either be made up or credited to your account. Lessons missed through a pupil's non-attendance will be charged for as the peripatetic teacher has to attend School for that lesson whether or not the pupil turns up. Only lessons missed due to a listed calendar event in advance will be rescheduled and made up.

**Missed Lessons (continued)**

As peripatetic staff only teach on designated days, there may be the rare occasion when a sports fixture clashes with an instrumental lesson which is beyond the control of the Music Department. Whilst every endeavour will be made to avoid clashes and to rearrange the lesson, this may not always be possible. Since we are unable to refund the cost of the instrumental lesson, it will be parental choice as to which activity the pupil attends.

**Communication**

Each child will be issued with a practice notebook in which recommendations for daily practice will be written. Parents are encouraged to check this notebook.

**Insurance**

Please note the School's insurance does not cover personal instruments and these should be insured through your own company.

The School makes every effort to safeguard instruments whilst they are in the Music School and cannot accept responsibility for damage to instruments belonging to pupils. A storeroom is available for day storage but instruments must be taken home at the end of the school day.

**Commitment**

It is expected that all those learning instruments will take part in ensembles, etc when requested to do so by the music staff. Individual performance will also be expected in assemblies, informal concerts and more formal concerts.

**If after having read the above you would like your son/daughter to learn an instrument, then please fill out and sign the attached form.**



**CLAREMONT FAN COURT PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
APPLICATION FORM FOR INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

**Please refer to the attached 'Preparatory School Instrumental Lessons' document when filling out this application form and when selecting an instrument.**

**Please note children may only learn one instrument within school time.**

I would like my child ..... Year .....  
to learn **one** of the following instruments (*please tick appropriate box*):

**Instruments available from Years 3 – 6:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violin ( <i>NB this is for <u>individual</u> lessons and not the Year 3 or 4 Violin Programme</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recorder ( <i>NB this is for <u>individual</u> lessons and not the Recorder Club</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cello  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double bass   | <input type="checkbox"/> Harp *   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flute *   | <input type="checkbox"/> Piano  |

**Additional Instruments available from Years 4 – 6:**

- |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet * | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bassoon *  |                                    |

**Additional Instruments available from Years 5 – 6:**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saxophone * | <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horn *      |                                     |

\* after prior consultation with the relevant peripatetic teacher

Please indicate any current/previous experience in this instrument: .....

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of my child learning an instrument here at Claremont Fan Court School as detailed in the attached 'Preparatory School Instrumental Lessons' document.

I also understand that notice to terminate tuition should be sent to the Accounts Department **by the half-term holiday to take effect from the beginning of the next term.**

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Name and address to which correspondence should be sent (**please print**):

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Daytime telephone number: .....

<b>Office Use:</b>	Date received: .....
Acceptance Form: .....	Start Date: .....
Notes: .....	DB <input type="checkbox"/> Lists <input type="checkbox"/>