



CLAREMONT FAN COURT SENIOR SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Please read the following notes carefully before deciding.

The pleasures of success in learning a musical instrument are numerous and tuition is offered (subject to the Director of Music's approval) in the instruments listed on the attached application form. 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.
- Instrumental lessons take place during curriculum lessons (please see below).

Lessons

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.

In the Senior School it is the responsibility of the pupil to note their lesson time in their prep diary and to ensure that they get to their lesson on time. Pupils are expected to attend on the dates and times set out in the weekly timetable.

Fixed times within the School day are available for Year 11, Lower and Upper Sixth students. It may be possible to organise fixed times for any year group before or after School (not lunchtimes). However, such places are usually very limited.

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 (usually 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	Brittens, Byfleet	£8.50
Cello	Brittens, Byfleet	£25
Double Bass	Brittens, Byfleet	£75
Flute	Brittens, Byfleet Dawkes, Berkshire	£28 £20-£30
Clarinet	Brittens, Byfleet Dawkes, Berkshire	£27 £20
Trumpet	Brittens, Byfleet Dawkes, Berkshire	£24 £15
Bassoon	Brittens, Byfleet Dawkes, Berkshire	Available on request £100
Saxophone	Brittens, Byfleet Dawkes, Berkshire	£34 £30
Trombone	Brittens, Byfleet Dawkes, Berkshire	£36 £25
Horn	Brittens, Byfleet Dawkes, Berkshire	Available on request £40
Guitar - Acoustic	Brittens, Byfleet	Available on request
Guitar – Electric	Brittens, Byfleet	Available on request

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 Years 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 student's non-attendance will be charged for as the peripatetic teacher has to attend School for that lesson whether or not the student turns up. Only lessons missed due to a listed calendar event in advance will be rescheduled and made up.

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 student 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

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 orchestras / wind bands / ensembles, etc when requested to do so by the music staff and that those having singing lessons will sing in the choir or other vocal groups. Individual performance will also be expected in assemblies, informal evenings 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 form overleaf for the attention of Mrs Plant in the Music School.



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Please refer to the information in the attached 'Instrumental / Vocal lessons' document when filling out this application form. Please return this form to Mrs Plant in the Music School Office. (nplant@claremont.surrey.sch.uk)

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

I would like my child Year
to take lessons in one of the following (please tick appropriate box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Violin | <input type="checkbox"/> Cello |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double Bass | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Horn | <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flute | <input type="checkbox"/> Bassoon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet | <input type="checkbox"/> Oboe (up to Grade 5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Saxophone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piano | <input type="checkbox"/> Harp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Drumkit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Guitar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classical Guitar | |

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 'Instrumental / Vocal 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: