

St John Fisher Catholic College
Musical Instrument Tuition – FAQ

What do we offer?

All students in Years 7 – 13 are offered tuition on the following:

Flute	Clarinet	Oboe	Bassoon
Trumpet	French Horn	Trombone	Tuba
Electric Guitar	Bass Guitar	Acoustic Guitar	Violin
Viola	Cello	Piano	Voice

Who are the Instrumental Teachers?

Instrumental Teachers are provided by the ENTRUST Music Service Staffordshire and Peripatetic Music teachers. These tutors will be suitable qualified teachers to a professional standard.

How much does it cost?

£425 for 34 x 20 mins PRIVATE LESSON – equating to £12.50 per lesson

£250 for 34 x 20 mins SMALL GROUP lesson – equating to £7.35 per lesson

Yr10 & Yr 11 GCSE students 20 mins FREE – but can subsidise £215.33 to increase to 30mins

Y12 & Y13 A-Level Students 20mins FREE – but can subsidise £215.33 to increase to 30 mins

What does this fee pay for?

1. **34 lessons** during the school year (1st Sept – 31st August).
2. Opportunities to rehearse and perform within school ensembles.
3. Opportunities to take public examinations within each instrument.
4. Access to ENTRUST Music Centre Ensembles and Events

Can students take up tuition at any time during the year?

Yes - but you would need to check if there is a space available.

Can students have lessons in more than one instrument?

Yes – the same fees apply for all instruments. Yr10 & Yr11 GCSE and A-LEVEL students will receive free lessons in their FIRST INSTRUMENT and would therefore pay standard fees for any instrument after that.

Are musical instruments provided?

If you do not have an instrument of your own, instruments can be hired from the Music Service **FREE OF CHARGE** (except guitar/piano/drum kit) – please see individual tutors or the Faculty Head for Performance for further information.

Is progress monitored?

Entrust and the Peripatetic Music Teachers monitor progress and provide an annual report.

Is attendance to lessons monitored?

Again yes. Instrumental staff complete the school register each week.

What musical ensembles are available for students?

There are a variety of ensembles for all instruments/voice pupils to join and enhance their skills.

Current Music staff within the Music Department

Mrs Janine Golds – Faculty Head for Performance

Procedure for Payment via Parent Pay

If you wish to go ahead with lessons, please complete the following steps:

1. You should complete and sign the attached document which will serve as a binding contract between you and St John Fisher Catholic College.
2. Return the documents in an envelope marked 'Instrumental Music Tuition Contract' to either MRS GOLDS or the FINANCE DEPT.
3. You can either pay the lessons Fees **IN FULL** or **PAYMENTS BY INSTALMENTS** - Please indicate how you wish to pay on the contract your return.

- If you fall behind with the monthly payments, school has the right to stop lessons in lieu of payment.

4. **All payments are to be made via ParentPay as we are a cash less Academy.**

Your Copy

Instrumental Music Tuition 2020/2021: Contract

I understand that this signed form constitutes a binding contract between myself and St John Fisher Catholic College and an acceptance of the conditions set out on the reverse of this form.

Name _____ Form _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

I wish my son/daughter to start/continue lessons on the following instrument(s) in the following format(s):

1. _____

Please tick:

20 mins Private lesson

20 mins group lesson

20mins FREE for Y10 & Y11 GCSE and A-level student

30mins (by paying subsidy) Yr10 & Y11 GCSE and A-Level student

2. _____

Please tick:

20 mins Private lesson

20 mins group lesson

3. _____

Please tick:

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Payment Method - Circle either A or B

- A. I will pay the full fee(s) per instrument for the school year 1st September 2020 – 31st July 2021, via ParentPay
- B. I am going to make payments by instalments via ParentPay. The first instalment being due by 18th Sept 2020 followed by seven payments starting 1st November which are due by the 1st of every month thereafter.
The final payment would be due by 1st May 2021 at the latest

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Signature of Parent/Carer _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Conditions

1. There will be a commitment on the part of the pupil and the school for lessons to be undertaken either for the whole school year, 1st September 2020 to 31st July 2021 or from the date of commencement to 31st July 2021.
2. The full amount of the annual fee (for both Private and Shared lessons) is to be paid, even if the pupil stops attending tuition part way through the year. If payment of the fee is spread over instalments you are still liable for the outstanding balance. If payments fall behind school has the right to stop lessons in lieu of payment.
3. No refund will be made for lessons lost through student absence
4. If tuition is requested to be terminated during the year, you/students will still be liable for any outstanding balance.
5. Lessons will continue to be available during periods of study leave in Years 10 and 11. Students will be expected to attend instrumental lessons during periods of study leave. Refunds cannot be made for lessons missed during such times; instrumental teachers are normally very accommodating when lessons times need to be changed during these periods.
6. If a shared lesson is requested, but there is no suitable situation for shared lessons to happen, you will be contact to discuss either changing to the Private lesson option or students will be placed on a waiting list until a suitable sharing situation arises.
7. All contracts and initial payments must be made/ filled in and returned by 18th SEPT 2020. Failure to do so will result in immediate suspension of lessons, no refund being given for suspended lessons.
8. **All payments are to be made via ParentPay as we are a cash less Academy**
9. The completion and signing of the 'Instrumental Music Tuition' contract will constitute an acceptance of these conditions and will be binding.

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