

Kingsway Instrumental Music Service Information Sheet

Please read carefully so that you are aware of what you are agreeing to before signing.

'Great teachers at an affordable price'

1. How to apply

Please complete the enrolment form online: <https://forms.gle/57BD65tX4FXNg6sR7>

Payments for lessons must be received via ParentPay/Gateway prior to lessons starting.



Music Department

2. How to alter lesson requirements

If you wish to alter lesson requirements in **any way** the request must be made in writing to

Mr P Lawton the Head of Music well before the start of a session so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

3. Cost

Payment is due before each block of 10 lessons commences and should be made following your application via our online parent payment system. You will need to pay for lessons prior to any block of lessons starting. Please note no refunds will be given if a student fails to attend a lesson. Students entitled to free school meals/pupil premium may apply for a subsidy from the school for the cost of lessons this **MUST** be indicated on the online application form.

Lesson are delivered in a Block of 10 lessons.	Total Cost (cost per lesson)
30 minute individual lessons	£105.00 (£10.50 per lesson)
30 minute individual lessons, 2 nd Instrument	£98.00 (£9.80 per lesson)
30 minute shared or 15 minute individual lessons	£70.00 (£7.00 per lesson)
30 minute shared or 15 minute individual lessons, 2 nd Instrument	£60.00 (£6.00 per lesson)
Group Music Theory lessons	£20.00 (£2.00 per lesson)
Instrument hire (for information please contact the school)	£20.00 (£2.00 per week)

4. How lessons are arranged

The school year is divided into 3 sessions, which may not coincide with the three terms.

30 lessons will be given during the school year usually 10 per session.

5. Communication between tutor and parent

Pupils are issued with a 'Music Notes' diary. Please take time to read through this with your son/daughter. It will answer many 'F.A.Q's'. The diary should be signed by you each week the day before a lesson and should be handed to the tutor each week. The diary is signed on the back by your child's instrumental tutor at each lesson if the diary is presented. Please check each week to ensure your son/daughter has attended his/her lesson. If you have any concerns please notify the school immediately so that any problems can be investigated. The instrumental tutor will communicate with students via a Google Classroom that they will be invited to join.

6. School music ensembles

The Kingsway School runs many musical ensembles to cater for all types of instruments (including voice) and all levels of ability.

Pupils are expected to attend at least one ensemble a week per instrument for two reasons.

- Playing/singing in a group is a vital part of becoming an accomplished musician; - making music in an ensemble develops skills not developed in a one to one/group situation and is therefore considered to be part of the weekly lesson for which you are paying.
- 10 individual 30 minute lessons from a highly qualified private tutor out of school would cost a minimum of £150. The school negotiates a saving of over 33% on the price of lessons. In return for this saving students are expected to support the department and promote music within the school by attending the relevant ensemble/s each week and performing at concerts when required.

7. Missed lessons procedures

Lessons that will be missed through a known absence (e.g. medical appointments in school time, internal academic exams or out of school visits etc) must be notified to the tutor a minimum of one week in advance so that the time-table can be re-arranged where possible. Failure to do this will mean that the lesson will be forfeited. Lessons missed due to illness should be notified as soon as possible so that if it is possible to reschedule the missed lesson the time-table can be changed. Lessons missed by the student forgetting to attend when in school will be forfeited.

8. Who provides the instrument?

In order to start lessons it will be necessary to have an instrument on which to practice at home. The Kingsway School has a small pool of instruments offered to loan on a short term basis at a charge of £20 per session. Some music shops offer a rental system. If you wish to buy an instrument we are happy to offer advice and may be able to help to save you the V.A.T. (20%) via the Instrumental Music Purchase Scheme. Please ask for details.

9. Contacting the Music Department



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Why learn a musical instrument?

1. Playing a musical instrument relieves stress

Researchers studying the benefits of music have reported that playing a musical instrument on a regular basis can help bring down stress.

2. Playing a musical instrument makes you smarter

Extensive research done in this area has proved that children who learn to play a musical instrument do better in academics.

3. Playing a musical instrument improves your social life

Learning an instrument enlarges your social circle since you get to meet more people than you usually would.

4. Playing a musical instrument helps build confidence

Once you are aware that you are able to do something well, like play the flute for instance, you naturally become more confident of your skills. Learning to play an instrument can help both children and adults who face confidence issues.

5. Playing a musical instrument teaches patience

In a world of instant gratification, learning to play an instrument is not something that can happen overnight. It is the daily effort of everyday practice that can help a musician learn how to play without mistakes. This in turn develops patience.

6. Playing a musical instrument fosters creativity

Since music education plays on your mental, emotional and cognitive abilities, the brain is stimulated to think out of the ordinary, which results in improved creativity.

7. Playing a musical instrument improves memory

Music and memory go hand in hand. Learning to play a musical instrument makes you use both parts of your brain and this in turn boosts memory power.

8. Playing a musical instrument develops discipline

Music requires dedication and regular practice. Allotting a specific amount of time to practice music daily develops discipline in the learner. This can prove to be extremely advantageous in children.

9. Playing a musical instrument gives you a sense of achievement

Learning to play a musical instrument gives you an immense sense of achievement. There's no feeling like playing a difficult song and playing it flawlessly. This feeling of satisfaction leads to a tremendous sense of self-achievement that can help you accomplish more in other areas of your life.

10. Playing a musical instrument is fun

Making music either on your own or as part of a group is engaging, its enjoyable, entertaining and just good old fashioned fun!

We provide tuition on;

Strings - Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Guitar - Classical Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Spanish Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar.

Woodwind - Flute, Oboe, Bassoons, Clarinet, Saxophone.

Brass - Trumpet, Cornet, Flugel Horn, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Eb Tuba, Bb Tuba.

Percussion - Drum Kit, Timpani, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, all un-tuned instruments and Samba instruments.

Voice - Female (Soprano/Alto), Male (Tenor/Bass) in all styles, opera, musical theatre and pop!

Keyboard - Piano, Electric Keyboard, Organ.

Theory - ABRSM music theory tuition all grades.

We provide the opportunity to play the instrument you learn in an appropriate ensemble.

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