



ST. JULIAN'S  
SCHOOL

# Guide to Instrumental Tuition Primary School

## Academic Year 2022 - 2023

*Learning an instrument provides opportunities to promote the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, physical and academic development of our students in line with the school's mission statement.*

### Why learn a musical instrument?

- Learning an instrument is an enjoyable and rewarding activity. It helps develop students' confidence, physical co-ordination, organising ability and creativity.
- There is growing evidence that learning an instrument develops intelligence and the capacity to learn.
- Playing a musical instrument opens opportunities to enjoy music making with others in ensembles and groups.

### What tuition is available?

- The following instruments are offered to students from years 2 to 5:

PIANO (from **year 2**)

VIOLIN, VIOLA and CELLO (from **year 3**)

WIND INSTRUMENTS (flute, clarinet, trumpet, oboe, French horn and bassoon from **year 5**)

**If you do not have an instrument but you would like to start lessons, you may hire one from the school, subject to availability. Fees for hiring instruments are as follows:**

25 euros per term for all instruments

- Parents are responsible for the safety of any school instrument being used at home.
- If students wish to buy their own instrument, teachers will be pleased to advise them.

### What about the lessons?

- Lessons usually occur weekly. Students in Years 3 to 5 are normally timetabled during lessons, using a rotation system so that the same lesson is not always missed. Students in Year 2 have lessons during lunchtime or after school, or may be withdrawn from normal lessons by agreement with the class teacher.

### How do students know where and when lessons occur?

- The student (or teacher for the youngest students) writes dates and times of lessons in the student's practice book. This lets parents know when and where lessons occur.

### How much do lessons cost?

- A termly fee covers lessons and related ensemble sessions, where appropriate given during a school term.
- We aim to give 33 lessons across the year.

Type of lesson	Length of lesson	Cost per term
Individual	30 minutes	235€
Individual	60 minutes	380€
Group (three or four students)	60 minutes	150€

- As far as possible, we try to give parents and students their choice (of individual, paired or group lessons); sometimes a type of lesson may not be available.
- When lessons are missed because of national holidays or non-student days, teachers may change the day. If the full number of lessons is not reached within the term, extra lessons will be given the following term or the next invoice reduced accordingly.
- Additional costs may include buying music books.
- **If you wish to cancel lessons during the year, please send an email to the music department ([music@stjulians.com](mailto:music@stjulians.com)), preferably to take effect at the end of the term.**

### How do we pay?

- Invoices are sent before the beginning of term.
- Payment should be made in advance upon receipt of the invoice.
- Any query about the invoice should be made immediately to the Music Department.
- Invoices should be paid to the accounts office not the Music Department.

### What about the teachers?

- We employ highly qualified and experienced specialist teachers for all instruments.
- If you wish to contact the Music Department, you may send an e-mail to [music@stjulians.com](mailto:music@stjulians.com).

### What about practice?

- Students must practise regularly.
- For orchestral instruments, students need a music stand and a place where they can practise without too many distractions. Piano students need access to an instrument for regular practice.
- Instruments must NOT be left at school during weekends or holidays.

**If you wish to apply for tuition, please complete [this application form](#).**