



ST. JULIAN'S
SCHOOL

Guide to Instrumental Tuition Secondary 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 coordination, organising ability and creativity.
- There is growing evidence that learning an instrument develops intelligence and the capacity to learn.
- Many students take examinations on their instruments. These are now recognised as having GCSE equivalence and earn UCAS points, which are used for university entry.

What tuition is available?

- The following instruments are offered to students from years 6 to 13:

FLUTE	VIOLIN	TRUMPET	PIANO
CLARINET	VIOLA	TROMBONE	DRUM KIT
BASSOON	CELLO	FRENCH HORN	VOICE
OBOE	DOUBLE BASS	ACOUSTIC GUITAR	
SAXOPHONE		ELECTRIC/BASS GUITAR	

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 10 are normally timetabled during lessons, using a rotation system so that the same lesson is not always missed.** Students in Years 11 to 13 are timetabled during break times, lunchtimes, free periods or after school.

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 or planner. This lets parents know when and where lessons occur.
- At least one day before lessons, students see class teachers to ask permission, as a courtesy, to miss their normal lesson (or part of it).
- Students are expected to catch up on missed work and complete homework sets.
- It is the student's responsibility to let instrumental teachers know in advance about events that will affect their lessons such as school visits, tests or personal absences so that lessons can be re-timetabled if possible.

How much do lessons cost?

- A termly fee covers lessons and related ensemble sessions given during a school term.
- We aim to give 33 lessons across the year.
- Students taking GCSE and IB Music will be entitled to a discount.

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 and exam entries.
- **If you wish to cancel lessons during the year, please send an email to the music department (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 who visit the school.
- If you wish to contact the Music Department, you may send an e-mail to music@stjulians.com.

What about practice?

- Students must practise regularly.
- For most instruments, students need a music stand and a place where they can practice without too many distractions.
- Instruments must NOT be left at school during weekends or holidays.

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