

Music Tuition

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOICE LESSONS

Tuition is available at the College on the piano, the organ, classical, electric and bass guitar, orchestral instruments (strings, woodwind, brass and percussion), the saxophone, recorders and in voice. The Director of Music will be pleased to advise parents on choosing a suitable instrument for their child to learn. Please complete the music lesson application form and return to the Music Administrator, Ms Celia Mike at Prior Park College, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath BA2 5AH or by email (cmike@priorparkschools.cOm) by no later than the 17 June 2016.

PRACTICE

Whilst we are keen to encourage pupils to take music lessons, it must be noted that in order to progress all pupils must find time during each day to practice.

The following is the recommended minimum practice time per day

Beginner - Grade 2	20 minutes
Grade 3 - Grade 5	30 minutes
Grade 6 - Grade 8	45 minutes
Post Grade 8	60 minutes

Pupils will be issued with lesson plans and practice books at the beginning of each term to be filled in by the teacher and pupil.

LESSON COSTS

Pupils normally have thirty lessons during the course of the year - twelve lessons in the Michaelmas Term, ten in the Lent Term and eight in the Summer Term. Up-to-date fees can be found on the College website in the Resources section. The 2015/16 charges¹ are as follows:

- Michaelmas Term £264 per term (12 half hour lessons)
- Lent Term £220 per term (10 half hour lessons)
- Summer Term £176 per term (8 half hour lessons)

TIMETABLE

Lessons for pupils below the Sixth Form are normally given during College hours on a rotation timetable so that a different school lesson is missed each week. By this system a pupil rarely misses the same subject more than two or three times a term. Sixth Form pupils do not rotate, they have fixed lessons in their free periods.

It is the responsibility of pupils to check their timetables regularly, as changes have to be made from time to time. Requests for a change of lesson time must be made at least one week before, and preferably longer.

¹ 2016/17 Music lesson costs will be increased in line with fee increases.

NOTICE

Notice of terminating lessons must be given in writing to the Director of Music at least half a term in advance. Music lessons may only cease at the end of a term. If less notice is given, a full term's fees will be charged for the following term. The Director of Music will acknowledge all letters of notice in writing.

NB. Notice to take effect in September will not be accepted in the summer holidays – it must be received by the previous half term in May.

LOAN, HIRE AND PURCHASE OF INSTRUMENTS

The College possesses a stock of orchestral instruments, which may be lent to pupils, as they become available. A hiring fee will be made for all instruments, which includes their use at weekends and during the holidays. Pupils are expected to buy their own instruments when they have reached a reasonable standard and the Director of Music will be pleased to advise over the purchase of instruments on request. Any instrument which is not available for hire through the College can be hired from a music shop.

Piano and organ pupils are not charged hire fees. Drum pupils are charged at a reduced rate because pupils' access to these instruments is more restricted, please contact the Director of Music if you need clarification on this.

NB. If a College instrument is to be taken away from the College it is the parents' responsibility to insure it.

APPLICATIONS FOR MUSIC LESSONS

If you wish your son or daughter to have music lessons, please fill in and return the attached form. When no vacancy is available your son or daughter's name will be put on a waiting list. Pupils should check the Music timetable on the noticeboard in the Music Department on the first day of each term.

CARE AND INSURANCE OF INSTRUMENTS

The College endeavours to provide appropriate storage for instruments but ultimately pupils must ensure the security of their own property. Musical instruments are often extremely valuable. The College cannot accept responsibility for pupils' possessions. Parents are therefore urged most strongly to arrange their own insurance cover for their children's instruments, including any which are being used on hire from the College.



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NEW PUPIL MUSIC LESSON APPLICATION FORM

If your child is entering the College in September, please let us know as soon as possible if you would like them to take music lessons, by completing and returning this form to the Music Administrator, Ms Celia Mike (cmike@priorparkschools.com) by 17 June 2016.

Name of Pupil

Form (if known, if not please state age)

Instrument/s

DECLARATION

I have read the sheet outlining the conditions on which music lessons are given and agree to abide by them, particularly concerning the Terms of Notice to stop lessons:

Name (parent/guardian)

Address:

Phone No.:

Email address:

Signed: Date:

It would be helpful if answers could be given to any of the following questions which apply to you:

Is he/she a beginner? Yes No

If not, how long has he/she been learning and/or what grades has he/she passed?

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Does he/she possess his/her own instrument(s)? Yes No

Do you wish to hire an instrument from the College (*subject to availability*)? Yes No

Term in which you would like lessons to commence:

LESSON NOTE

PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD TO CHECK THE MUSIC TIMETABLE BOARD AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY WEEK. It is the pupil's responsibility to find out when their lessons are scheduled.

Parents - Please ensure you are fully aware of terms of notice for stopping or rescheduling lessons