



The Abbey

The independent school for girls aged 3-18.

**INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS
INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL**

SENIOR SCHOOL

2019 - 2020

Instrumental and Vocal lessons – Senior School

Individual music lessons are available in Piano, Jazz Piano, Organ, Singing, Grade V Theory, Violin, Viola, Cello, Harp, Classical Guitar, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon, Cornet, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba.

There are a limited number of School instruments that may be hired for up to a year in the first instance. This service is offered so that parents can monitor their daughter's interest and ability before they purchase an instrument. A termly fee is charged for hire (see below). It is expected that all girls taking instrumental music lessons will have regular use of a good quality instrument. All piano pupils will be expected to practise regularly on a piano – a keyboard is not sufficient after a girl has reached Grade 3 standard.

The Music Department operates a rota system for lessons. Most of our teachers have a large rota which should mean that girls miss a different academic lesson each week. This system works very well in academic schools as it avoids girls having to miss one subject on a permanent basis, which is often neither desirable nor popular. Lessons will only be changed in the event of a clash with public examinations, medical appointments or a School trip and if the Head of Instrumental Music has at least 24 hours notice. Girls are not allowed to swap lessons without asking permission from the visiting teacher concerned or the Head of Instrumental Music. In the event of unexpected absence of the teacher, lessons will, where possible, be made up later in the same term. Should a pupil have an unexpected illness and is not able to attend a lesson, we will endeavour to rearrange the missed lesson, but cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Lessons for Sixth Formers may be fixed in private study periods where possible, but all other pupils use the rota system.

We aim to give 30 lessons during the School year but, because of the different lengths of our three School terms, we do not necessarily give 10 lessons in each term. Girls in their Upper Sixth year will only receive 20 lessons and will normally cease tuition at the end of the Spring Term. They may continue to receive tuition by arrangement with the teacher concerned and a letter to the Head of Instrumental Music by the end of the Spring Term. Every lesson is recorded on an individual register that the girls sign each week.

The School requires a minimum of one term's notice in writing to discontinue Music Lessons, ie written notice must be received on or before the first day of a term to finish at the end of that term.

In the Senior School there are many different ensembles to encourage music making at all levels. The ensembles that rehearse weekly include the Orchestra, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, and Chamber Strings. All girls are invited to join any of these groups, whether they receive their tuition in School or not, and the Music staff are happy to advise girls which ensemble is most appropriate.

Tuition Fees for the Academic Year 2019 – 2020

£240.00 per instrument per term for a 30-minute individual lesson

Instrument Hire

£50.00 per instrument per term

Please do not send any money at this time.

Mrs Rachel Dent
Head

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I wish my daughter Form / Year

to have individual lessons in the following instrument(s):

Has she learnt before? Yes No
(please circle)

If yes, please state her approximate grade

Does she have her own instrument? Yes No
(please circle)

If NO:

- I would like advice about purchase or private hire of an instrument.
- I would be interested in hiring a School instrument and understand that this would be for a **maximum of one year**. I also understand that the supply of School instruments is limited and this request will be subject to availability.

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I have read and agreed to the terms and conditions above.

Signed Date

**To be returned to: Mrs N Brady, Music Administrator, The Abbey School,
Kendrick Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 5DZ**

BY FRIDAY 24 MAY

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