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Jesus said "I have come that you may have life in all its fullness" (John 10v10)

13th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Musical Instrument Tuition

I am writing to you to highlight the musical instrumental tuition which is available at Trinity.

Learning an instrument is a great way to meet other students, develop confidence, improve memory and reasoning skills and it is, importantly, absorbing and fun. If your child is in years 7 and 8 this is an excellent time to begin learning a new instrument, or to continue work begun at primary. If your child is studying GCSE Music or Music Technology in years 9 – 11 developing performance skills is extremely important.

At Trinity we have a number of self-employed professional musicians who visit us and offer **ten individual lessons per term**. The cost of lessons varies, for example for 10 x 20 min individual lessons per term range from £114- £134 (£11.40 – 13.40 per lesson). This cost would increase if you wished to have 30 minute lessons. Our teachers do offer payment plans so that you can spread the cost which is dependant upon teacher experience. Steel pan lessons are different in that they are taught in groups at a cost of £50 per term. Once we have received an expression of interest from you we will put you in touch with a teacher to find out more about fees and see if you are happy to progress with a course of lessons. We currently have a range of music teachers offering tuition on: guitar; drumkit; violin; voice; piano; flute; clarinet; saxophone; trumpet; trombone; cello; and, steelpans. Other musical instruments may be available too if there is enough interest so do please make an application even if the instrument is not listed above.

We can also offer instrumental hire for some instruments at a cost of £15 per term, paid via parentpay. This may be a good way of trying out an instrument before purchasing your own.

To those parents whose children learnt an instrument at primary school please may I urge you to encourage your child to continue learning. I appreciate that Year 6 – 7 transition may appear to be a hurdle to both students and parents but keeping on learning an instrument can give a real sense of continuity to prior learning. This is also a great time to begin a new instrument. If you have any questions or need any guidance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sears

Head of Performing Arts. Email: j.sears@trinity.lewisham.sch.uk

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM (TRINITY SCHOOL) 2024- 25

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When we receive your expression of interest we will contact you by email to discuss further and see if you wish to go ahead with termly lessons.

Pupil Name: _____ Family Group/Class: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Which lesson type do you think you would be interested in?

- 10 individual 20-minute lessons
- 10 individual 30-minute lessons
- 10 group 30 minutes on **steel pans only** £50

INSTRUMENT (please circle). *Please note we are only able to offer tuition if numbers applying make this feasible. We cannot guarantee availability.*

Piano	Guitar	Bass guitar	Trombone	Drums
Vocal (singing)	Violin	Cello/Double bass	Trumpet	Clarinet
Saxophone	Flute	Steel pans		

If not a beginner, which instrument have they previously learnt and how long have they been learning?

Which grade examinations (if any) have they passed? _____

Do they own their own instrument? _____

Do you wish to hire an instrument from Trinity Music Department _____

If your child plays another instrument, please state which instrument and grade _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR MUSIC LESSONS Our peripatetic teachers supplied through Trinity are not employees or workers but are in business on their own account.

LESSONS

1. Your peripatetic teacher will normally deliver 30 lessons per academic year in school at an **average** of 10 per term. However, if you would like additional lessons these may be arranged through agreement with the teacher at the pro-rata teaching rate.
2. Lessons missed by pupils will not be credited unless a minimum of a week's notice has been given to the teacher. There will be no credit for holiday taken by pupils during a term.
3. Should a lesson be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of the teacher (eg. school closure due to snow) they will take all reasonable steps to make it up. However, there is no guarantee that this will be possible.
4. In the event of a school closure lasting more than two weeks, arrangements can be made between the teacher and payer to provide online tuition, reschedule lessons, or not invoice.
5. If you wish to discontinue lessons, written notice must be given to the licensed teacher by the **last school day before half term**. Lessons will then be provided until the end of that term. However, - If you give notice at the start of a term you will be liable for that term's fee. If you give notice after the last day before half-term you will be liable for the following term's fee (Autumn and Spring Terms only). If you give notice after the Summer half-term, you will only be charged half a term's fee in lieu of notice.
6. **PAYMENTS** Fees will be reviewed annually. Invoices will be issued termly.
7. **Fees are due in advance** at the start of each term and must be made within 14 days of receiving an invoice. If payment is not made within this 14-day period the licensed teacher reserves the right to suspend any further lessons until payment is received and will pursue the debt. Lessons missed through late payment of fees will not be made up or refunded.
8. Parent/Carers must pay for music and external examination fees (upon agreement) also accessories such as strings, rosin and reeds.

IF YOU WISH YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO HAVE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS PLEASE DO CONTACT THE HEAD OF MUSIC WITH ANY QUESTIONS (Mrs J.Sears j.sears@trinity.lewisham.sch.uk)