



Sprowston Community High School  
and Sixth Form

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# **INSTRUMENT LESSONS 2017**



# **LEARNING TO SING OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AT SPROWSTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

## **ETHOS**

Why learn an instrument or how to sing? Learning to play an instrument or sing can become life long passion.

We are very keen that all students who want to learn to play an instrument or sing, are given the opportunity to do so, whether your child has already been learning or is a complete beginner.

We are delighted to be able to offer tuition with specialist visiting tutors on a wide range of musical instruments which include: drum kit; piano and keyboard; guitar and bass guitar; woodwind brass and string instruments.

We try our best to fit everyone in who fills in an application form, however, the lessons are organised on a first come, first served basis. We will write to you to inform you that your child has a place as soon as these have been allocated. If there is no space we will write to you and put your child on the waiting list.

Please read the information in this booklet and if you are happy with our arrangements and conditions please fill in the attached form with the relevant details and return it to the school office.

Students can choose to learn more than one instrument. Please fill out a separate application form for each instrument.

## **PRACTISE**

In order to make good progress, practise should be little and often rather than one long practice session before the next lesson! e.g. on average to 10-20 minutes a day or 30 minutes 3-4 times a week.

We also expect all students learning an instrument to contribute to the wider musical life of the school by joining clubs, taking part in productions etc.

## **INSTRUMENT LESSON TIMES**

Instrument lessons take place during the normal school day and we attempt to rotate the time slot so that students do not miss the same subject each week. As a condition of having instrument lessons, students are expected to catch up on any work missed during their normal subject lessons.

There is a large notice board outside the music office that displays all the timetables. Students must check this board regularly and in particular before morning registration on the day of their lesson as important daily notices are displayed. The lessons will take place in our music practice rooms. Please contact the Director of Music if you need help understanding how the timetable works.

## **LESSON LENGTH**

We offer 20 minute sessions on a one-to-one basis with the instrument tutor.

## **INSTRUMENT HIRE**

At present this is set at approximately £25.00 per term depending on the instrument chosen. You will need to fill in and return an instrument hire form which is available from the main school office.

## **INSTRUMENT EXAMS**

Your child will need to request with their instrument tutor to work towards being entered for an ABRSM, Guildhall, Trinity or Rock School graded examination. Students who attain Grade 6 and above may earn points towards their UCAS applications.

## **SHARING THE COST**

In Year 7, for beginners that want to learn with a friend, we can look at arranging joint lessons. This means that the cost can be shared between students. It may be possible to offer this to students depending on the needs of the individuals.

## **STOPPING LESSONS**

If a student misses two or more of their instrument lessons we will inform you. If a total of three sessions are missed, we will stop the lessons.

If a student wishes to discontinue their lessons please ensure that you inform the instrument tutor and Mrs Hansell in the main school office in writing at least one calendar month before the end of the current half-term. Lessons cannot be discontinued part-way through a half-term.

## **PAYMENTS**

Lessons must be paid for prior to the start of each term. We aim to schedule 33 sessions throughout the year. Invoices will be sent out before the beginning of each term and fees should be paid promptly otherwise students may lose their place on the timetable.

If an instrument teacher is absent we will put a notice up on the instrument lessons board. The teacher will try their best to re-organise that particular session. If we are unable to reschedule a missed lesson we will adjust the next invoice accordingly.

Lessons missed by students through absence, non-attendance, exams and trips still have to be paid for. Our instrument teachers are happy to rearrange lesson times if they have advance warning about a future absence. Students need to come and speak with us as soon as they know there is a problem e.g. controlled conditions coursework lesson that can not be missed.

We would also urge parents who are concerned about finding the money to meet the fees to contact the school to discuss any particular issues you may have.

## **CONTINUING INSTRUMENT LESSONS**

All students will need to re-apply for their instrument tuition every year using the up to date version of this booklet. Students will be reminded of this towards the end of the academic year. Students continuing lessons from the previous year will be given priority providing the application deadline has been met.

Once you have completed the application form, please detach and return it to the main office in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Mrs Hansell  
Instrument Tuition Application

Please retain the other pages from this booklet for your own reference.

We wish our students every success in making the most of the opportunities and experiences on offer at Sprowston Community High School. We hope our musicians develop and take with them a lifelong commitment and desire to continue in some way their music.

**Mr D. Harvey.**  
Director of Music



# Music Department

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## INSTRUMENT/SINGING TUITION APPLICATION FORM

If your child wishes to learn an instrument, or sing, please fill in and detach this page, and return it to Mrs Hansell in the main school office.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent/Guardian/Carer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tel Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mob.** \_\_\_\_\_

### Please tick box:

S/he will be starting lessons for the first time on this instrument.

S/he will be continuing lessons from a previous school.

S/he was having lessons at Sprowston Community High School last year and wishes to continue this year.

My child is enrolled on the GCSE, AS or A2 level music course at Sprowston Community High School this year.

Previous experience and grades (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

My child is interested in learning the following:  
(please tick box)

Flute [ ]	Clarinet [ ]	Drum Kit [ ]
Piano [ ]	Keyboard [ ]	Voice [ ]
Bass Guitar [ ]	Electric Guitar [ ]	Acoustic Guitar [ ]
Violin [ ]	Other* [ ]	

\* Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

My child would like the following (please tick box)

[ ] 20 minutes one-to-one - £11.00 per session

I have read the information contained in this booklet and understand that I will be expected to make a full commitment to peripatetic lessons at Sprowston Community High School.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have read and agree to all the conditions and fees as outlined in this booklet and understand that if I/we decide to stop the instrument lessons, I/we must inform the instrument teacher and/or Mrs Hansell in writing at least one calendar month before the end of the current half-term.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Carer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

May 2017