Clevedon School Music Department

Instrumental Lesson

Terms & Conditions

We are delighted that your child has decided to take up instrumental lessons. We know that learning a musical instrument has a huge impact on a child's development both in terms of musical skill and in the holistic areas of self-confidence, self-esteem, organisation and self-discipline. Not only this, but research has shown that it simply makes children happier when they can play an instrument.

INSTRUMENTAL TEACHERS & CHARGES

Clevedon School is delighted to able to offer tuition on a wide range of instruments your child wishes to learn. Your child will be expertly taught by our wonderful team of peripatetic teachers, each of whom hold a vast range of musical knowledge and professional experience:

Vocals – Mrs K Read

Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar & Bass Guitar – Mr M Lawrence

Drums – Mr T Bradley

Piano – Mr J Talbot / Mr S Mills

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet & Saxophone – Ms Edmunds

Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba & Euphonium – Mr R Sansom

Violin, Viola, Cello & Double Bass – Mrs A Welch

Instrumental Lesson Charges			
	Standard Rates*		
	Cost per lesson	**Cost per block** (average 11 lessons)	
20-minute individual lesson	£16.21	£178.31	
30-minute individual lesson	£24.32	£267.52	
20-minute group lesson (2 students)	£8.10	£89.15	Due to practicality, group options available for vocals and guitar only
30-minute group lesson (2 students)	£12.16	£133.76	

*Pupil Premium rates are available to those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding at the time of lesson request and duration of the lesson block. Clevedon School Pupil Premium fund will subsidise 80% of lesson fees. The remaining 20% will be covered by the parent/carer.

LESSON REQUESTS & PAYMENTS

To enrol your child onto instrumental lessons at Clevedon School, you must complete a Lesson Request Form (sent to whole school via MCAS for each block) and clear the balance on your ParentPay account in line with the deadlines outlined below. Providing there is availability with the instrumental teacher, your child will be added to the timetable. If there is not availability, you will be contacted for next steps.

All forms and payments are due before your child begins lessons.

Unfortunately, we cannot enrol your child on to the timetable if we do not receive a completed form and payment by the deadline.

Block 2 (Jan – Mar) 2026/27	**Deadlines for lessons beginning in January 2027:** Block 2 Request Form Opens – Friday 16th October 2026 Block 2 Request Form Deadline **–** Monday 2nd November Block 2 Payment Deadline (ParentPay) – Monday 16th November

TIMETABLING

Our team of highly skilled visiting teachers offer 33 lessons over the course of the six terms of the academic year. These are referred to as blocks (usually 11 lessons per block) and are outlined below:

Block 1 - September to December (until Christmas Break)
Block 2 - January to April (until Easter Break)
Block 3 - April to July (until Summer Break)

Students will come out of their curriculum lessons to receive their instrumental lessons. Each lesson will take place at the same time each week. Students should arrive 5 minutes before their lesson start time. All timetables are displayed on the music noticeboard in the music department foyer. If students are unsure of where to find this, they must ask a member of music department staff.

IMPORTANT: Sometimes it is necessary to change lesson times at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. It is not always possible to communicate this via MCAS or email. It is important that students check the timetable, displayed on the music noticeboard in the music foyer on the morning of their lesson (between 08:30 and 08:50). This avoids any missed lessons due to timetabling changes.

ABSENCE PROCEDURE & MISSED LESSONS

Lessons missed by students (for any reason at all, including illness, exams, trips or appointment) cannot be made up or refunded unless they are able to arrange a swap prior to their lesson with another student. If a student knows in advance that an instrumental lesson clashes with e.g. an exam or a school trip, it is sometimes possible to swap times with another student, if they give enough notice. This should be written notice of at least two weeks via email to the instrumental tuition address. This allows time for the timetables to be amended and agreed with instrumental teachers. Notices given will less than two weeks may not be able to be honoured, and this will be marked as a missed lesson.

We understand some students forget their lessons; this is normal. In the event your child does not attend their lesson, their instrumental teacher will try to find them on school site. If a teacher misses an instrumental lesson for any reason, then every attempt will be made to offer an extra lesson at the end of the block. If this is not possible then a refund will be made for each lesson not taught. Unfortunately, we are unable to refund or make up any lessons that are missed due to reasons beyond our control i.e. fire evacuation.

CANCELLATIONS

Once the Lesson Request Form has been received and payment has been made via ParentPay, it is not possible to cancel your child's lessons. At this point, the teacher has been contracted for their time. Should your child wish to stop lessons, we recommend that they continue until the end of the block as **we are unable to cancel lessons mid-way through the block or offer refunds.** Please note instrumental lessons are not transferable between teachers or instrument. Should your child wish to change their instrument, this will need to be applied for in the same way students are enrolled per term. Students cannot swap instrument mid-term.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications pertaining to your child's instrumental lessons are sent out via email and *My Child at School (MCAS).* Please ensure you have this setup and working in order to receive important information regarding your child's lessons. These communications include notification of successful enrolment, changes to timetables, notices from teachers and links to Lesson Request forms for the term ahead, amongst other important messages.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For all enquiries, please email:

instrumentaltuition@clevedonschool.org.uk

Please be aware that this email address is dedicated to instrumental lesson enquiries and is monitored by teaching music department staff. Please be aware that during busy periods, it may take up to two weeks for us to respond to your enquiry.

FAQ's

Can my child bring their own instrument?

Yes, your child can bring their own instrument. Our locked storeroom is available to students. The code to the storeroom will be shared with students who request it. Instruments are stored at the student/parent risk. Whilst we take pride and care over every piece of equipment we have in the music department, it is the students' responsibility to ensure their musical equipment is stored safely and checked on a regular basis. Clevedon School cannot be responsible for damage or loss of instrument(s). As we are limited on space, we ask that all instruments are taken home at the end of each block. Any instruments left may be handed over to school lost property.

Are instruments available to hire through Clevedon School?

Whilst we do have a reasonable stock of common instruments, we cannot guarantee long-term hire of any of these to students as these are used in curriculum lessons. If your child is beginning a new instrument, we advise that you purchase the necessary instrument and associated equipment *before* their lessons begin. If you foresee any issues with the purchase of an instrument, please contact us as soon as possible.

How do I find out my child's lesson time?

Your child will be able to see their timetable on the noticeboard in the music department foyer. If you wish to request your child's lesson time, in the event they do not share this with you, please email the instrumental lesson email address.

Can I change my child's lesson time?

Subject to availability, it is *sometimes* possible to change your child's lesson time. Lesson times are allocated carefully based on several factors within and outside of our control. We will always try to avoid KS4 core subject lessons where possible. If your child is frequently missing lessons due to a particular subject clash, we will try to accommodate, but it is not always possible to move their time due to the implications on others and availability of instrumental teachers.

Will I have direct contact with my child's instrumental teacher?

To safeguard our students and staff, we do not share the contact information of our instrumental teachers. If you wish to share any information with your child's instrumental teacher, we ask that you email the instrumental lesson email address.