



Music Tuition

Around 280 students receive private music lessons at school. Tuition is provided by a team of highly qualified and experienced teachers in these areas:

- Piano (Students must have their own piano)
- Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass
- Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone and Bassoon
- Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba
- Voice
- Classical or Rock Guitar (Students must have their own guitar)
- Percussion (Drum Kit with Orchestral Percussion)
- Music Theory

Please note that some instruments may have a waiting list

APPLYING FOR TUITION

If you would like music lessons from the Private Music Tuition Scheme at TGS for your child, you should apply using the online application form at the bottom of this page which will open on 15 June. You will be sent confirmation that tuition is available once a teacher has been allocated. Please note that there are likely to be waiting lists for some instruments, particularly voice and piano.

- Lessons are paid for in blocks of 10
- Payment is made directly to the music teacher and payable by the 2nd lesson per block
- Teachers will invoice at the start of each block of lessons

Charging for Lessons 2024-25

Individual instrument or singing lessons: £200.00 per 10 x 30 min lessons

Music Theory lessons@ £145 per 10 x 20 min lessons

Rates are set in line with the Musicians Union <https://musiciansunion.org.uk/music-teaching/teaching-pay-and-employment/teaching-rates-of-pay> and Incorporated Society of Musicians <https://www.ism.org/advice/self-employed-visiting-music-teachers-fees-results-from-our-survey-conducted-september-december-2021>

New students are expected to complete at least one full course of 10 lessons before considering withdrawal. If you wish to discontinue lessons, written notice must be given to the teacher and to Mr Hayward, Subject Leader Music before the following dates:

- 18 October 2024 for lessons to cease in December 2024
- 14 February 2025 to cease at the Easter break 2025
- 23 May for lessons to cease in July 2025

Notice received after these cut off dates will result in a further course of 10 lessons, which are payable whether or not the student attends the further lessons, in lieu of adequate notice being given.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS AND CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC

Music activities are open to all students. There are groups for all abilities from orchestras to choirs and student-run clubs for all singers and instrumentalists. It is not a prerequisite to have instrumental lessons in school in order to take part, although we do expect those who receive private music tuition at school to support the music activities on offer.

YEARLY HIRE CHARGES FOR TGS SCHOOL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)

Please note that hire fees are non-refundable

Saxophone	£140.00
Clarinet/Flute	£100.00
Violin/Viola	£100.00
Bassoon	£140.00
'Cello	£120.00
Oboe	£120.00
Trumpet	£100.00
Trombone/French Horn	£120.00

Please follow the email office@tgs.kent.sch.uk to request use of a TGS hire instrument.

Please Note: Hire instruments are for hire for the first academic year of tuition (September– July) and students should expect to return them in July making provision for their own instruments.

Please contact Mr Hayward, Subject Leader for Music, if you have any questions:

office@tgs.kent.sch.uk

MUSICAL PURCHASE SCHEME FOR INSTRUMENTS

Musical instruments can be purchased through the school. This can benefit the purchaser allowing students to buy instruments without having to pay United Kingdom VAT (20%). Please email via office@tgs.kent.sch.uk for an application form.

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

As part of our Pupil Premium Promise, students who are eligible for Pupil Premium receive free lessons to learn to play a musical instrument. This includes loan of an instrument. [Click here](#) for more information.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you must register your interest on the above-mentioned form.