



PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSON INFORMATION

The peripatetic music teachers here at Parmiter's teach half hour music lessons, weekly, in the Old Music Block during the school day. There is sometimes availability for lessons to be taught before and after school but this is very limited. Priority for lunchtime lessons is normally given to GCSE students and A level students are usually taught in their free study periods. A very limited number of fifteen minute lessons in breaktime are sometimes available for beginners.

Instrument lessons offered are:

- Piano and Keyboard
- Drums and Percussion
- Guitar
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Violin
- Viola
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Singing
- Theory of Music

All timetables are displayed on the notice board in the Old Music Block for the term. We are unable to send a copy home as changes have to be made if there are school trips or examinations. Students are expected to confirm with their teacher the date and time of their next lesson each week.

The lessons are taught in blocks of 11. Usually the winter term is longer than 11 weeks and unless written notice has been given the teachers will continue to teach and therefore start the spring set of 11 lessons early. This compensates for any lessons that have to be missed for school trips or examinations during the shorter spring and summer terms. A member of the music staff will always be willing to help if there is any problem understanding the timetable.

Lessons are arranged on a rotational basis and it is each student's responsibility to inform the teacher if they are likely to miss more than two half hours of the same subject lesson in a term. Students are expected to inform their class teacher and excuse themselves from the classroom to attend their music lesson. This avoids interruption to the academic class and ensures that a full 30 minute music lesson can be given.

If it is necessary for a student to miss an instrumental lesson they should ask to change their lesson time at least a week in advance. If this is not done the lesson will not be made up. If a teacher misses a lesson this will be rearranged.

Teachers issue written reports once a year for their students. Students are often entered for grade examinations following discussion with their teacher. Parmiter's is a centre for ABRSM examinations and those set by other boards can be taken externally by arrangement with their teacher.

Please note the school policy is that lessons may only be stopped at the END of a block of 11 lessons, with a half term's written notice previously having been given. This policy is stated on the lesson application form and all invoices. This protects each of our teacher's hours and pay and allows them to plan their outside teaching commitments.

You will be sent an invoice by the Finance Department during the first few weeks of term and prompt payment is appreciated as the teachers are paid on a per student basis. You are able to pay by WisePay , cash or cheque. The cost is £196 for 11 lessons. Instruments may be hired at a cost of £12.00 per term with a refundable deposit of £15.00.

The Music Department offers a diverse range of ensembles that give exciting performance opportunities to students of different ages and abilities. Students are strongly encouraged to take part in those that are appropriate and they find it adds significantly to their music development and enjoyment of playing music.

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