

Letters/Peripatetic Music Lessons
Sept 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Wildern Music Academy Peripatetic Music Lessons

Wildern School offers all students the opportunity to participate in additional music tuition, and this letter aims to introduce the main details to you.

Currently the school offers the following sessions:

- **Brass:** Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, Euphonium and Tuba
- **Strings:** Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass
- **Woodwind:** Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Oboe and Bassoon
- **Percussion:** Piano, Keyboard and Drum Kit
- **Guitar:** Acoustic Guitar, Bass Guitar, Electric guitar and Ukulele.
- **Voice**

We are particularly looking for students to take up violin, the minority instruments of cello/double bass / bassoon/oboe, as well as woodwind instruments (eg. flute, clarinet and saxophone) and brass instruments (eg trumpet, trombone, tuba, Euphonium and Horn).

These lessons are taken either by Hampshire Music Services staff, Wildern staff or by private instructors, some lessons take place during the school day, with students coming out of a lesson on a weekly basis. The timing of the lessons is given maximum rotation in order to avoid students missing the same curriculum area too often. Other lessons take place after normal school hours with a static time. Lesson timetables can be viewed on Google Classroom. Students must show their Music Tuition Pass before leaving a lesson. **Please note that it is not advisable for students receiving private tuition at home to receive lessons from another teacher.**

The cost of each term's music tuition per instrument is £125, which must be paid by 3 posted dated cheques; (1st September 2024, 1st January 2025 and 1st April 2025). If you prefer to pay for a year's tuition, this should be paid either via parent pay or by cheque and the fees will be reduced to £345. **Full payment must be made with application for instrument lessons to be considered.** It should be appreciated that the school meets part of the cost for instrument tuition; therefore in return it is important that **all students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities and performances.** Over the course of an academic year we will guarantee at least 30 lessons. Commitment to lessons is for the **full academic year (September-July)**, and **refunds will only be permitted if the space is sold on to another student.**

In particular we would like to encourage all students learning instruments at their Junior Schools to continue their musical studies at Wildern.

All students wishing to have instrument lessons at Wildern School must return the attached slip by the beginning of July to the main Reception. Please also read and sign the Music Academy Policy for instrumental lessons. Please keep one copy for yourself and send the other in with the reply slip

Yours sincerely



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Wildern Music Academy Peripatetic Music Lessons

Return to the music department Application for Instrumental Tuition

Students Name..... Tutor Group (if known).....

INSTRUMENT/SINGING..... Junior School
(if guitar please state whether acoustic or electric)

Previous experience/grade/stage/beginner.....

Availability of instrument.....

Post dated cheque(s) enclosed (please tick box)
Please make cheques payable to Wildern School

Signed (Parent/Guardian).....





COPY 1- Return to school

Policy for instrumental lessons at Wildern School

1. Cost is £345 for a whole school year. Please make payment in full before September if you wish for your child to have lessons for the next academic year. This can be made by cheque, cash or on parent pay. You can also pay with 3 cheques. Each cheque should be made out for £125 with the second and third cheques being dated the 1st of January and the 1st of April.
2. Music tuition takes place during the school day. Music sessions are rotated each week as far as possible to avoid the student missing the same part of the same subject lesson each week. There are a couple of lessons that happen after school and these times will stay the same each week.
3. Students are expected to commit themselves to lessons for a whole year. Refunds will only be permitted if the space is sold on to another student.
4. Teaching will be in pairs (possibly 3s)
5. The payment entitles pupils to a minimum of 30 weeks' tuition each school year (although students often receive 32-35 lessons a year).
6. If the number of lessons in a year drops below 30, refunds will be issued. (For example unexpected long-term teacher absence causing the final numbers of lessons to fall below 30).
7. If a student knows in advance they will not be able to attend their Music lesson, e.g. they have a test/assessment, they should tell Mrs Thomas ideally the week before so she is able to re-schedule their lesson time. A lesson **will not** be rescheduled if Mrs Thomas is not given at least 48 hours notice to change their lesson time.
8. Parents are expected to support their children by encouraging them to practise. Regular attendance and practice is expected.
9. Lesson times are displayed on the notice board upstairs and downstairs in the D@rt. It will also be emailed to students and uploaded to Google Classroom. It is the student's responsibility to check carefully.
10. Music tuition takes place weekly in the Practice Rooms. Music tuition takes place during the school day; students will need to leave their subject lessons for 20-30 minutes once a week to attend. Students will be notified if their lesson will take place after school.
11. School teaching staff release students from lessons to attend their Music lessons. Students must play their part in this system by asking politely if they may leave (preferably asking at the beginning of a lesson) and by catching up on missed work in their own time.
12. For some instruments we do have a limited amount of 'fixed' lesson times at break/lunchtime/afterschool. They are in limited supply and only available to Year 10/11 students.
13. Students receiving lessons through school are strongly encouraged to join one of our many suitable ensembles that rehearse weekly e.g. Choirs, Orchestra, Jazz band etc...
14. A report on the students' progress will be written and sent home once a year.
15. We send out weekly emails to parents informing them if their child did not attend their music lesson
16. Children who receive Music Tuition through school are entitled to buy their musical instrument through the school VAT free, thus saving 20% off the purchase price. Please contact Mrs E Thomas for more details (wma@wildern.org)

I agree to the policy written above and we are committing to Music Tuition at Wildern School for the whole academic year.

Sign: _____

Date: _____

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