



May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Instrumental Tuition, 2023-24

We are fortunate in having excellent music facilities at TBGS, and I strongly encourage all students to take advantage of some of the musical opportunities available to them at the school.

A large number of boys receive individual music tuition from over a dozen qualified peripatetic teachers who visit the school each week offering a wide range of instruments.

At present, lessons may be taken on the following:

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| • Violin | • French Horn | • Percussion |
| • Flute | • Guitar | • Voice/Singing |
| • Trumpet | • Keyboard | • Double Bass |
| • Saxophone | • Cello | • Bassoon |
| • Piano | • Clarinet | • Tuba |
| • Viola | • Trombone | • Drums |
| • Oboe | | |

There are enormous benefits to be gained from playing a musical instrument, both in terms of specific skills and personal development. If you wish your son to continue or start instrumental lessons, please read the details below, complete the attached form and return it to me (or via enquires@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

Funding and Instrument Hire

There are a limited number of bursaries available to enable boys to receive instrumental lessons who otherwise would not be able to afford them. Details are available from the School Bursar.

Funding for instrumental hire is also available through Edukit, please ask me for further details. We further support these students by allowing them to practise using school instruments, where available. This can be arranged with me when once a student is awarded a bursary.

There are various options available for hiring and buying instruments, including the Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme, which allows students to purchase instruments VAT-free. If you would like further information concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Lesson Details

In most cases, twenty or thirty-minute lessons are available and thirty-three are usually delivered over the course of year. All our teachers are self-employed and normally charge around £30.00 per hour.

You will be invoiced by the individual teacher concerned at the beginning of each term and at least a half-term's written notice is required for the cessation of lessons. It is regretted that teachers are unable to reimburse for lessons missed at short notice due to illness or boys forgetting to attend.

Students in Years 10-13 have priority on lessons before and after school as well as at break and lunchtime, otherwise lessons take place during the school day on a rotation basis. This can be of understandable concern but it is our experience that students are quickly able to catch up on missed portions of curriculum lessons.

All students are encouraged to take an active part in the musical life of the school by joining one of our wide range of ensembles and bands which take place at lunchtime or after school.

Mr C Eastman
Head of Music



APPLICATION FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION 2023-2024

Please return to: Mr. C. Eastman
Torquay Boys' Grammar School
Shiphay Manor Drive
TORQUAY
TQ2 7EL

Or send to: enquiries@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk

I wish my son to receive lessons for (instrument):	
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Please indicate either:

20-minute individual lesson	
30-minute individual lesson	

Please indicate whether a beginner or give the approximate standard reached:	
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Student name:	
Form (in September):	
Parent/carer's name:	
Parent/carer's signature:	
Date:	
<i>Please provide a contact phone number and email address to enable the peripatetic teacher to contact you directly:</i>	
Phone:	
Email:	

Please note that invoices are payable termly before tuition begins to the individual teacher concerned and at least a half-term's written notice is required for the cessation of lessons.

Data Protection The information collected on this form will be processed and will be stored electronically and/or in hardcopy by the School in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation. The data may be shared with an agent of the School, but only for administrative or other service provision purposes. If you would like further information about Data Protection, please contact the School Data Protection Officer. By signing or submitting this form. You acknowledge that you have read, understood and agreed to this data processing. Detailed information is available in the Privacy Notices at www.tbgs.co.uk.

