

QEGS music department: Instrumental tuition September 2018

We have a busy and vibrant music department offering individual and shared lessons in addition to curriculum music on the following instruments:

Violin, viola, cello, double bass

Trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon

Electric guitar, bass guitar, drum kit

Piano, singing

Apart from piano lessons, our peripatetic team is made up of teachers from the Lincolnshire Music Service, with whom we are a partner school.

Tuition is charged on a termly basis and we depend on parents paying promptly. Invoices are posted home in the first few weeks of each term (September/January/March) and payment is made through ParentPay.

Instrumental tuition fees 2018/19

30 minute lesson - £18.40, which is £214.67 per term (3 terms per academic year)

20 minute lesson - £12.27, which is £143.11 per term (3 terms per academic year)

Wind and string instruments can be hired from Lincolnshire Music Service for approximately £25 per year.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals you will qualify for a 50% remission against your music tuition fees. If you are eligible we will make an application to Lincolnshire Music Service on your behalf. Similarly, if your child attracts Pupil Premium funding you may request some financial assistance with your tuition fees. You can do this by writing to Mrs Divers, Deputy Headteacher.

Lessons take place during normal school hours on a rota basis to avoid students missing the same lesson each week. A great deal of commitment is required and students and parents are asked to think carefully before applying. It is not advisable to have lessons in school as well as from a private teacher on the same instrument – conflicting styles of teaching are very confusing!

In addition to peripatetic lessons, QEGS hosts the ABRSM exams, provides a piano accompanist for exams including rehearsals, and there are aural test books in the library for students to borrow to help with exam preparation. We also support students in preparation for grade 5 theory.

How to book lessons

To book instrumental lessons for September 2018, please write to Mrs Addis (or email saddisv@qegs.lincs.sch.uk) before the summer holidays. It is possible to request tuition at the start of the new academic year but spaces cannot be guaranteed at that point. Please include the following information: student name, student form (if known), instrument, current standard (or beginner), information about current teacher if applicable, whether you would need an instrument providing or not.

By requesting lessons, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of instrumental tuition including the cancellation policy.

Instrumental tuition cancellation policy

We are required to book music tuition with the Lincolnshire Music Service in advance to secure tutors. The booking will commit the school to payment for these services and therefore we are restricted to specific timeframes when tuition can be cancelled. If students decide they no longer want instrumental tuition, **I must be informed in writing as follows:**

- To stop lessons from 30th October 2018, notice must be received by 24th September 2018
- To stop lessons from 7th January 2019, notice must be received by 19th November 2018
- To stop lessons from 23rd April 2019, notice must be received by 11th March 2019
- To stop lessons from 3rd June 2019 (Year 11 &13), notice must be received by 29th April 2019

Please note that it is not possible to cancel lessons at any other point in the academic year – once the booking is made your invoices must be paid even if your child chooses not to attend.

To enable us to address any cancellations promptly, please make sure that cancellation notice letters are addressed to Mrs Addis and handed in at the music office – instrumental teachers are not responsible for organising lessons, invoices or contracts. Alternatively, an email can be sent to saddisv@qegs.lincs.sch.uk.

Learning an instrument is extremely enjoyable and high rewarding. Students develop many useful life skills as well as specific music skills and techniques. The music department is fully supported by all QEGS staff and is a busy and exciting place to be, viewing all music styles, instruments and abilities equally. We currently have 91 students having instrumental lessons in school and a large proportion of students have instrumental lessons with teachers out of school too.

We hope you will strongly consider having instrumental tuition and we look forward to meeting the new Year 7 students in September.

If you would like any more information, or have any queries regarding instrumental tuition or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs V. Addis

Head of Arts Faculty & Subject Leader for Music