

SACRED HEART

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Musical Instrument Lessons / Singing Lessons

Please find attached details of the instrumental lessons we offer here at Sacred Heart. Whether your daughter has previously started learning an instrument in primary school or would like to begin, we offer a variety of lessons on voice and other instruments.

Playing an instrument not only develops musical ability but provides students with many other transferable skills. Research has shown that music-making enhances ability in literacy and numeracy and strengthens communication skills. Your daughter will be invited to play in one of our school-based ensembles or to sing in one of our choirs, where she will develop invaluable teamwork skills and get the chance to perform in our regular school concerts.

Here at Sacred Heart we have a dedicated team of singing and instrumental teachers who provide music lessons for our students during the school day. Please see overleaf for details of individual teachers and fees.

Financial support may be available for students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium, please see the school website for details.

All instrumental lessons are weekly and are organised on a rota so that students do not miss the same subject lesson on a frequent basis. If there is more demand than spaces available, we keep accurate waiting lists so that lessons can begin as soon as a place becomes available.

Please complete and return the reply slip below to the student office, indicating which instrument your daughter wishes to take lessons on. Your details will then be passed to the relevant instrumental teacher who will contact you to discuss the terms and conditions of lessons and make arrangements for tuition to begin. If you have any further questions please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mr T Oates

Head of Music

I wish for my daughter _____ of _____ (form class)

to begin _____ (e.g. Flute) lessons on an individual / pair / group basis (delete as applicable)*

If relevant, please give information of level/grade already reached: _____

My telephone number is _____; My email address is _____

I understand that this will be made available to an instrumental teacher who will organise for lessons to begin.

Name/Relationship to Student _____ Signed _____



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Instrumental Lessons at Sacred Heart

- Lesson fees are payable in advance at the start of each term.*
- Instrumental teachers are self-employed and will invoice you directly.*
- Lesson fees are correct at time of going to press; please confirm current fees with teacher when they contact you.
- Most teachers require a term's notice in order to terminate lessons.
- All lessons are 30 minutes long.

Instrument	Individual Lesson	Paired Lesson	Group Lesson (if enough students)	Teachers
Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Bassoon ¹	£16.30	£9.75	£6.65	Mrs Belshaw
Singing	£16.50	£8.25	N/A	Mrs Dove Mrs Wilkinson
Guitar (Acoustic, Electric and Bass)	£15.00	£7.50	N/A	Mr Jones Mr Dawson
Trumpet ²	£16.30	£9.75	£6.65	Mrs Belshaw
Percussion / Drum Kit	£16.00	£8.00	£6.00	Mr Zuccaroli
Violin and Viola ¹	£16.30	£9.75	£6.65	Miss Harrison
'Cello ²	£14.00	£8.00	£5.00	Miss Bland
Piano and Keyboard	£12.00	N/A	N/A	Mr Trevor Mr Miller

** Financial assistance for lessons is available for some students, for example those eligible for the Pupil Premium. You will receive further information regarding this after returning the lesson request slip.*

Practice Routines

- Your daughter will need to practice her instrument regularly at home. As a beginner, your daughter should be aiming to practice for around 20 minutes every day.

Musical Instruments

- Students need to have their own instrument on which to practice at home.
- ¹ Woodwind and string instruments are available to hire at a small charge from NEMCO who provide our woodwind and string tuition.
- ² We have a small number of cellos, brass instruments and guitars which we may be able to loan to students if available.
- JG Windows in Newcastle operates a scheme where students can loan instruments over a number of months ('try before you buy') meaning that instruments can be purchased in instalments.
- Girls taking piano lessons will need to have access to a keyboard at home to practice on, but can use school keyboards and pianos for their lessons in school.