



### **Instrumental and Vocal Lessons at Norbury High School**

Learning a musical instrument or having voice lessons can be an extremely rewarding activity. Studies have shown that learning a musical instrument helps with Maths and English skills, as well as having a positive effect of students' transferable skills such as self-discipline, confidence, commitment and resilience.

#### **What is on offer?**

The music department at Norbury High offers students and parents the opportunity to buy into additional individual or shared lessons in a range of instruments. These include: Singing, Violin, Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Drum Kit and Keyboard. If there is a particular instrument you wish your child to learn that is not included currently, please let us know as other instruments might be accommodated by special arrangement.

All our instrumental and vocal teachers are professional musicians with lots of teaching experience.

#### **When are the lessons?**

Lessons are arranged on a rota basis so that girls will have a lesson at a different time each week. This tries to ensure they do not miss the same part of a class every week. Lesson times are posted on the Music Board each week and it is the student's responsibility to check their times carefully. If lessons are missed refunds cannot be given but reminders are put in registers initially and if this continues to be a problem then a letter will be sent home advising how many lessons have been missed. If a student knows she is on a college trip or out of school for any reason then, providing her Instrumental/Vocal teacher is given **at least one week's notice**, the lesson can be rearranged.

#### **Provision and insurance of instruments**

If your daughter wishes to have lessons, apart from a few spare violins, we are unable to supply instruments. We can offer advice about hiring or buying instruments. If your daughter is having Keyboard or Piano lessons she will need at least a keyboard at home to practice on. Students wanting drum lessons may use the school drum kits to practice on.

If your daughter is bringing her own instrument to college please ensure you have adequate insurance to cover it for 'all risks'. The instrument can be kept in the music department during the day but the department and college **can accept NO responsibility for it**.

## Costs and payment

Lessons at NHSG are arranged directly between you and the specialist teachers. Students pay for 10 lessons per term. Please note as some terms are longer than others, the number of lessons given per term may vary, but students will still get the 30 lessons you have paid for over the year. Students on free schools meals (FSM) will have a reduced fee of up to a third:

<u>Lesson Type</u>	<u>Lesson Length</u>	<u>Cost Per Lesson</u>	<u>Cost Per Term</u>	<u>FSM Cost Per Lesson</u>	<u>FSM Cost Per Term</u>
Individual	20 mins	£11.60	£116	£7.70	£77
Individual	30 mins	£17.40	£174	£11.60	£116
Individual	40 mins	£23.00	£232	£15.40	£154

Teachers are happy to enter girls for graded Rock School, ABRSM and Trinity exams, but these do involve additional costs. ABRSM and Trinity Exams are recognised by UCAS, and points count toward UCAS applications for university, as well as being highly regarded by employers.

The teachers issue invoices for payments and these clearly state a deadline for payment of the fees. Failure to meet this deadline could see your daughter lose her lesson time. Fees should be handed to either the Office Staff, Music department or to the teacher in person. Cheques should have the pupils name clearly written on the reverse. They can be post dated to the first day of the term if required.

## Terminating lessons

If you wish to terminate lessons a **MINIMUM** of 5 weeks' notice should be given **IN WRITING** to Mr Brown or directly to the instrumental/vocal teacher. Your daughter cannot terminate the lessons herself – this must be done by you.

## Next Steps

If you wish to arrange for your daughter to have lessons please complete the attached form and return it to Mr Brown at school. You are advised to do this as soon as possible in case demand exceeds available lessons. Please DO NOT send any money at this stage as you will be contacted by the teacher directly to arrange payment once the lessons have been arranged.

Should you wish to ask any questions about the Instrumental or Vocal Lessons please contact Mr Brown (Head of Music) at the college on the above telephone number or leave a message via email. (m.brown@nhsg.org.uk)

# INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL TUITION APPLICATION FORM

Pupil Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Instrument (or Voice) do you wish to learn? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had lessons before on this instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES have you taken any Music Exams? \_\_\_\_\_

Which? \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TICK THE LESSON TIME REQUESTED:

<u>Lesson Time &amp; Length</u>	<u>Cost Per Term</u>		<u>FSM Cost Per Term</u>	
20 mins Individual	£116	<input type="checkbox"/>	£77	<input type="checkbox"/>
30 mins Individual	£174	<input type="checkbox"/>	£116	<input type="checkbox"/>
40 mins Individual	£232	<input type="checkbox"/>	£154	<input type="checkbox"/>

**By signing the form below you agree to the terms stated in the accompanying letter. The main points of which are:**

- Fees must be paid at the beginning of each term.
- To terminate lessons, 5 weeks WRITTEN notice MUST be given to the teacher with a copy to Mr Brown.
- Students are responsible for checking their lesson times and attending their lessons promptly.
- The teachers will not reimburse missed lessons.
- Lessons can be rearranged due to college trips **only if** the student gives the teacher at least 1-week notice.
- Instruments can be left in the Music Department at College during the day BUT neither the college nor department can accept any responsibility for them.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions stated above:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_