



THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT ST. OLAVE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

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Dear Parent/Carer

If your son is currently receiving lessons and you would like him to learn with a teacher at St. Olave's from September, or if he is a beginner wishing to start, please read our Information Booklet and FAQ sheet, both of which are downloadable documents from the school website, and complete an Application Form. Please aim to return forms as soon as possible, to enable allocation to be completed during the Summer Term. An email will be sent during the early part of the summer holiday confirming the teacher's name and other relevant details.

Application Forms must be printed and signed with your usual signature. A high quality scan of this form should be emailed to dblew@saintolaves.net and the printed copy sent to the Music Department, marked for the attention of Mr Blew, at your earliest convenience.

We are currently pleased to offer tuition on the following instruments:

Piano
Pipe Organ
Violin
Viola
'Cello
Double Bass
Flute
Clarinet
Oboe
Bassoon
Saxophone
Trumpet/Cornet
French Horn
Trombone
Euphonium/Tuba
Classical Guitar
Electric Guitar
Drum-kit
Percussion
Voice
Jazz Piano
Jazz Saxophone
Jazz Clarinet

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If applying for lessons on more than one instrument, please complete a separate application form for each. Please also specify Electric or Classical Guitar, rather than just Guitar, as we have specialist teachers for each of these disciplines.

You will note from the Information Booklet that lessons are given on a rota basis during the school day, and that all pupils are expected to have their own instruments. In addition, please note that it is *essential* for pianists to have a piano available to practise at home. It is not possible to arrange for instrumental lessons to take place other than on the teacher's usual rota of times.

Lesson times are posted in advance, and it is the responsibility of pupils to attend punctually. Exchanging times with another pupil is allowed when clashes with important tests or field-trips occur. Instrumental teachers or the music staff should be consulted in cases of difficulty, and we will do our utmost to help solve problems.

Fees for each course of 10 thirty minute lessons will be £204.00 in September 2021. This will rise in September 2022 (and each subsequent September) to a level set by the Bromley Youth Music Trust, which will be linked to the Teachers' Pay Award.

Details of any such revision in fees will be posted on the co-curricular music link of the school website in May of each year, both within the updated version of this letter and the revised Application Form.

There will be 30 lessons each year, but these will not necessarily be spread evenly between the terms. The Summer Term is often disrupted by examinations and field-trips, meaning that peripatetic staff often work "in credit" for part of the year.

Music staff are always available to discuss any matters of concern and to talk about the school instrumental ensembles, but please feel free to contact me – preferably by email – if you have any urgent queries about the system.

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