



St. Edmund's Girls' School



Wyvern College

## Instrumental & Vocal Music Lessons Information for Parents

We are fortunate to have an experienced team of peripatetic music teachers who offer a wide range of instrumental and vocal tuition. We also have music groups such as the wind band, rock band, consort, guitar ensemble, chamber choir, main choir and string orchestra which practise during enrichment time after school.

**Instrumental tuition** is provided by private peripatetic teachers who set their own lesson costs, currently to a maximum of £12.50 for an individual 20 minute lesson. Shared lessons are also available, currently at £6.25. Your son or daughter's teacher will contact you directly regarding all arrangements including payment details.

**Vocal tuition** is payable through the ParentPay account which will be set up for your son or daughter once they have started at school. Invoices are issued termly to parents and should be paid by the due date on the invoice. If it is not possible for you to pay by ParentPay you can use a Pay Point facility at local shops. A shared 20 minute singing lesson currently costs £6.17 and an individual 20 minute lesson is £12.33, with a 5% discount for prompt payment. **Please note that there is currently a waiting list for singing lessons.**

- **Lessons take place during the school day.** Lesson times vary each week to avoid students missing the same lesson each week. Timetables are displayed on the Music Department's notice boards and your son or daughter should write this in their planner. It is the student's responsibility to turn up to lessons on time and they should check timetables regularly in case of time changes.
- **Making up lessons missed:** lessons will only be made up if the teacher is unable to take the lesson. Lessons will still need to be paid for if your son or daughter misses their lesson for any reason.
- **Discontinuing lessons:** if your son or daughter no longer wishes to continue with their lessons we require 8 weeks' notice in writing stating your intention to cancel lessons.
- **Borrowing an Instrument:** in some cases it may be possible to borrow an instrument from the Wiltshire Music Education Hub or the schools. Please contact Mrs Ritchie, Head of Music ([eritchie@st-edmunds.eu](mailto:eritchie@st-edmunds.eu)) to discuss this further. You may also privately hire instruments from John Packer of Taunton, [www.johnpacker.co.uk](http://www.johnpacker.co.uk)
- **Bringing Instruments into School:** your son or daughter does not have to carry their instrument around with them during the day. Students can leave their instruments in the Instrumental Lesson suite ready for their lesson. Please note that schools cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to instruments whilst they are at school; a strong, supportive case is essential to avoid damage. Due to limited space, instruments must also be taken home at the end of each day unless pre-arranged with Mrs Ritchie.
- **Music Enrichments:** to develop their musical and performing skills we have a range of Music Enrichments for students. This includes Music Technology and String Orchestra on Mondays, Main and Chamber Choir on Tuesdays, Rock band on Wednesdays, Wind Band on Thursdays and Music Theory on Fridays.

**Complete the form on the following page in order to apply for music lessons.**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss Music Lesson arrangements further please contact Mrs Ritchie, Head of Music. Email: [eritchie@st-edmunds.eu](mailto:eritchie@st-edmunds.eu), telephone 01722 328565.



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### APPLICATION FORM

## INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC LESSONS

St Edmund's School and Wyvern College are able to arrange instrumental and singing lessons for students. Lessons are 20 minutes long and take place during the school day. Where possible these are arranged on a rotational basis, so that students do not miss the same curriculum lesson each week.

If you would like us to arrange lessons for your son or daughter, please complete the form below.

- **Students requesting singing lessons will be sent a contract letter from the School** giving you the details of what has been arranged. One copy should be signed and returned to the School. Please note that when a contract has been signed, 8 weeks' notice in writing to the School is required for cancellation. Lessons must be paid for termly by the due date. **Please note also that there is currently a waiting list for singing lessons.** In the current academic year the cost of an individual singing lesson is £12.33 and a shared lesson is £6.17. This will be reviewed for September 2018.
- **Students requesting instrumental lessons will be allocated a private tutor.** You will then be contacted directly by the tutor regarding arrangements and charges.

**\*PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS**

STUDENT'S NAME:	.....
PRIMARY SCHOOL:	.....
PARENT(S) NAME:	.....
ADDRESS:	..... .....
POST CODE:	.....
TEL NO:	.....
EMAIL:	.....

My SON/DAUGHTER is interested in SINGING / INSTRUMENT\* lessons. (\*delete as applicable)

CURRENT LEVEL ..... CURRENT TEACHER .....

if instrument lessons are requested, please complete the following:

TYPE OF INSTRUMENT(S) .....

**Some teachers may offer shared lessons if there is someone of a similar standard to your daughter but this cannot be guaranteed. Please indicate below if you would like to be considered for a shared lesson.**

Individual	
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Shared	
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Signed: .....	Parent/Carer	Date: .....
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**Please return this form to Mrs E Ritchie, Head of Music,  
St Edmund's Girls' School, Church Road, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1RD**