

**Cardinal Langley R.C High School
Music Department**



**INSTRUMENTAL TUITION
2018-2019**

Information Booklet for Parents/Carers

Why learn an instrument?

Playing an instrument gives a child several skills, which he/she will be able to apply to many aspects of his/her school work and to his/her life in general.

In addition to the obvious music skills that your child will learn he/she will also show improved concentration, the ability to work towards a deadline, organisation and above all confidence.

Pupils have the opportunity to perform all styles of music which are both enjoyable and rewarding. Ensemble playing will develop teamwork and social skills.



What tuition does the school offer?

Here at Cardinal Langley we pride ourselves on the high level of instrumental tuition available to all pupils. We have a thriving department which offers tuition in Piano, Guitar, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Percussion, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin and Voice. All lessons are provided by visiting staff from **Rochdale Music service and outside agencies** all of whom are highly skilled musicians.

At present there are over ninety pupils receiving tuition throughout the school, many are studying music at GCSE and A level. We have had much success in grade exams, which pupils have the option to take and also in local music festivals. Several of our pupils have taken part in European tours organised by Rochdale Music Service.



What equipment will be needed?

If your child receives tuition in Woodwind, Brass and Strings a Rochdale Music Service instrument will be loaned at **no extra cost**. Your child will at times be required to purchase music but the cost and frequency of this will be kept to a minimum. Purchasing a music stand will also aid your child's progress.

If your child receives Piano tuition a touch sensitive Keyboard is acceptable in place of a Piano. Details of where to purchase most instruments/music stands from can be obtained from the music department.

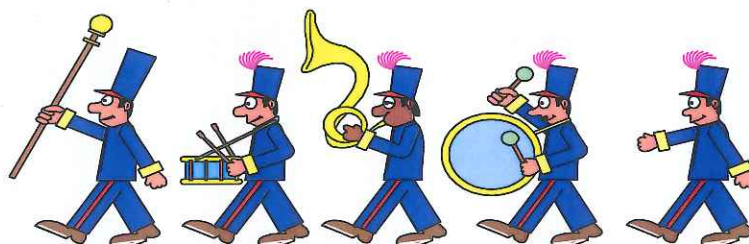


How are lessons organised?

All tuition is conducted on a shared or individual basis with a rolling timetable. This will mean that pupils will have a lesson at a different time each week which prevents the tuition cutting across the national curriculum in the same subject.

Pupils are issued with a printed timetable at the start of each term. Timetables are also displayed on the music department notice board in the practice room foyer. Your child is responsible for looking after this timetable and ensuring he/she attends on the correct day and at the right time. If your child is unable to attend the appointed lesson time due to tests or practical lessons, we will do our best to make alternative arrangements for that session.

Key stage 4 and A-Level pupils will be timetabled during the lunch hour and after school.



How much practice is needed?

In order to progress on their chosen instrument, it is imperative that your child practices on a regular basis. The length and regularity of this practice will be advised by their tutor. It is recommended that pupils practice away from any distractions. *Pupils may also use the practice rooms at lunch times and after school.*



How can I help my child progress?

Every effort is made to make instrumental lessons enjoyable but with learning any new skill there are occasions when pupils can lack motivation. This is normal and usually short-lived. You the parent/guardian together with the tutor and department can overcome this and play a crucial role in your child's musical development through encouragement, support and patience.

At the end of the Easter term you will be sent a report outlining your child's progress and achievements. It will also outline any areas for development.

If you require an update prior to this time or have any queries or concerns regarding your child's progress please contact the Music department on 0161-643-4009 extension number 225.





What extra-curricular activities are available?

All pupils who receive instrumental tuition are expected to participate in the musical life of the school and will be encouraged to make full use of performance opportunities such as our annual Christmas/Summer concerts. Pupils who play any string, woodwind or brass instruments will be expected to take part in their respective Instrumental Bands details of which are set out in the table below.

Please see below for list of activities available. Most rehearsals take place during the lunch hour. Some rehearsals may take place after school in preparation for concerts.

Music Department Extra Curricular Activities

Day:	Time:	Activity:
Monday	2.30-4.00pm	Practice Rooms available GCSE MUSIC CLINIC
Tuesday	12.45-1.30pm 2.30-3.30pm	Ukulele/Guitar Group Vocal Group
Wednesday	12.50-1.20pm 2.30-3.30pm	Practice Rooms available
Thursday	12.50-1.20pm 2.30-3.30pm	Wind/Brass Group Practice Rooms available
Friday	12.50-1.20pm 2.30-3.30pm	Guitar Group Folk Group

There are several external ensembles run by Rochdale Music Service that your child will also be invited to attend once they have reached the required standard. Details of which can be found on their website:

www.rochdalemusicservice.org.uk/





How much do the lessons cost?

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Lesson Type	Price Per Lesson	TERM 1 13 Weeks	TERM 2 13 Weeks	TERM 3 10 Weeks
Payment date		SEPTEMBER	JANUARY	APRIL
Group (20 Mins)	£4.00	£52.00	£52.00	£40.00
Individual (15 Mins)	£9.00	£117.00	£117.00	£90.00

NB:

If your child receives tuition in **Woodwind, Brass or Strings (not Guitar)** they will be given an instrument for the duration of lessons at **no extra cost**. As a good will gesture, the Music department will pay **half** of the cost for students on free school meals.

How Do I Pay?

We ask that all payments are made **upfront at the start of a term**. Invoices will automatically be sent out for each term and we ask that you submit your payment **2 weeks** from receipt. We recommend that this done via **parentpay**. **Please wait to receive the termly invoice before making payments so that we can advise you of the correct payment amount.** Whether you have opted for shared or individual lessons, **a minimum commitment of one term is required**. If you decided to withdraw your child from instrumental lessons during a term, we will not refund you for the rest of the term but consideration could be given to special circumstances. *We ask that if your circumstances change and you are unable to pay please contact **Maria Abbott** to discuss possible alternatives.*

(Finance office 0161-655-0214 Ext 214 or Email mabbott@clrchs.co.uk)

Lessons will be re-arranged if instrumental staff are absent, however if this is not possible you will be reimbursed. If your child is unable to attend his/her instrumental lesson due to a school commitment or exceptional circumstances an alternative time or reimbursement will be arranged. It is the **pupil's responsibility** to inform staff of any such events or appointments at least one week in advance.

If your child fails to attend a lesson without prior notification in writing or reason or stops part way through a term, you will still be charged.

As there is great demand for instrumental tuition, late or missed payments will result in your child's place being suspended or offered to another pupil.

*All payments should be completed via **parentpay** or handed to **Mrs.Abbott** in the finance office.*



What do I do now?

If you would like the opportunity for your child to take up instrumental tuition please sign and return the **reply slip, the school copy of the terms and conditions and appropriate payment** to the music department as soon as possible. Lessons will commence once we receive all paperwork and payment.

Your prompt reply will ensure that your child receives lessons as soon as possible. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the department. Mrs Osmond/Mr Wilkinson 0161-643-4009-ext225 or email sosmond@clrchs.co.uk

Many thanks

Mrs S.Osmond
Teacher in charge of Music

