

September 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am writing to inform you of the instrumental tuition programme that Gillingham School offers to all pupils. Overleaf you will find the details of the visiting instrumental teachers (VITs) that work privately to offer our pupils lessons. All lessons are individual unless stated otherwise. The individual teacher, although monitored by the school, sets the cost of the lessons.

Should you wish your son/daughter to have instrumental lessons at Gillingham School, please complete and return the form attached. If the teacher has a space then we will look to start the lessons as soon as possible. Otherwise, lessons will begin in the Spring Term (January 2020). **Please note: by returning the application form you are committed to the first term's tuition. If at any time you wish to cease tuition then written notice is required in accordance with the conditions stated in the contract you will sign.**

All pupils receive lessons on a rota basis and your son/daughter's teacher will contact you to introduce himself/herself and outline their own individual terms and conditions. Timetables are displayed on the notice board outside C5 (Music classroom). Your child will receive a written report once a year that will outline their progress, achievements and targets for future learning. All VITs have completed the appropriate enhanced disclosure checks.

If your son/daughter requires instrumental lessons but they do not have an instrument, then please indicate this on the application form and the teacher will do their best to assist you. The school does have some instruments available for loan and further information regarding this can be obtained by request. Instruments currently available: Flute (x2), Clarinet (x1), Trumpet (x1), French Horn (x1), Trombone (x2), Violin (x2), 'Cello (x1) and Double Bass (x1). Instruments are also available for hire from Dorset Music Service at very competitive rates (www.dorsetforyou.com/music). If you are in receipt of Free School Meals then the school will be able to help in funding some tuition. Please contact me for further information. We are confident that our VITs teach to the highest possible standards and they have the full support of the Music department.

Please also find attached some information regarding the extra-curricular activities that the department offers. All musicians are strongly encouraged to take part and all groups are open to all abilities. Concert Band, GYJO and Orchestra have toured to the Czech Republic, Italy (twice), Spain, and Austria and Vocal Group toured to Belgium. Concert Band, GYJO and Orchestra will be travelling to Germany in July 2020. As well as performing in our regular concerts, students have the opportunity to take part in the school musical production (*Legally Blonde – February 2019*), music festivals and competitions and in the community and charity events that we support. We look forward to seeing your son/daughter involved in these extra-curricular activities.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Carey
Head of Music

Mrs Sarah Beales - Flute

BA (Hons) LTCL

£11.50 20mins

£17 30mins

£8.50 30mins group of 2

Mr John Wesley Barker - Flute/Recorder

BA (Hons)

£10 20mins

£15 30mins

£20 40mins

£5 20mins group of 2

Mr Russel Shipley - Clarinet

BSc M.Mus LRSM CT ABRSM DipLCM

£10 20mins

£5 20mins group of 2

Mr Graeme Budd - Saxophone

BA (Hons) PGCE

£10 20mins

£15 30mins

Mrs Celia Birkinshaw - Bassoon/Oboe

£10 20mins

£15 30mins

Mr Marcus Adams - Brass

£9.75 20mins

£12.75 30mins

Ms Victoria Mogridge - Violin/Viola

PGCE

£10 20mins

£15 30mins

£6 20mins group of 2

Ms Janet Coles - 'Cello/Double Bass/Piano/Theory

LTCL ATCL AMusTCL

£10 20mins

£15 30mins

Mr Giordano Ferla - Piano

MMus BMus

£10 20mins

£15 30mins

Miss Clare Boughton - Piano

LRAM GRSM (Hons)

£11.20 20mins

£16 30mins

Mrs Alison Carey - Electronic Keyboard/Piano/Theory

BMus (Hons) PGCE CT ABRSM ATCL

£11 20mins

£16 30mins

£24 45mins

Mr Sean McGregor-Wiley - Acoustic, Electric & Bass Guitar/Ukulele

£6 20mins group of 2

Mr Russell Parker - Drum Kit

£11 20mins

Mrs Debbie Cassell - Voice

BA (Hons)

£11 20mins

£16 30mins

£8 30mins group of 2

Mrs Rachael Holland - Voice

BA

£10.50 20mins

£15 30mins

£8 30mins group of 2

Mr Mark James - Voice

DipLCM

£10.50 20 mins

£15 30 mins

£7.50 30 mins group of 2

Application for Instrumental Tuition
Autumn Term 2019 (if possible)
Otherwise, Spring Term 2020

Student Name: Tutor Group:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Contact Address:
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Contact Phone No:

Contact Email:

Instrument(s) and teacher(s) required:

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Group / Individual (please delete)
20 min / 30 mins

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20 mins / 30 mins

Approx. current standard:

Do you need information on hiring/purchasing an instrument? YES / NO

Are you in receipt of Free School Meals and would like to discuss possible financial assistance? YES/NO

Parent/guardian signature:

Please return to: Mr Carey (Head of Music) – C5