



Gillingham School

FOUNDED 1516

January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

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 child to have instrumental lessons at Gillingham School, please complete and return the form attached. Lessons will begin in the summer term, unless the teacher has a space and can start you sooner. If the teacher is full, then your child will be placed on a waiting list. **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 child's teacher will contact you to introduce themselves and outline their own individual terms and conditions. Timetables are displayed on the notice board outside C5 (Music classroom). All VITs have completed the appropriate enhanced disclosure checks.

If your child 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, Bassoon, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Trombone, Violin, Viola, 'Cello and Double Bass. Instruments are also available for hire from Dorset Music Service at very competitive rates ([www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)). If you are in receipt of Free School Meals then the school will be able to help with funding the 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 Netherlands, Germany, Czechia, Italy (twice), Spain and Austria and Vocal Group toured to Belgium. As well as performing in our regular concerts, students have the opportunity to take part in the school musical production, in music festivals and competitions and in the community and charity events that we support. We look forward to seeing your child involved in these extra-curricular activities.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Carey  
Head of Music

Headteacher P Nicholson BEd (Hons)

Deputy Headteachers M Lavis M Ed S Turnbull MA

Hardings Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QP 01747 822222 [office@gillingham-dorset.co.uk](mailto:office@gillingham-dorset.co.uk)

**Ms Jenny Ridley -**Alto Sax/Clarinet//Flute/Recorder

BA (Hons) PGCE

£11.60	20mins
£17.40	30mins
£8.70	30mins pair

**Mr Barry Deacon -**Clarinet/Alto Sax

BA

£12	20mins
£18	30mins

**Mrs Su Dutch -**Piano/Flute

BA (Hons) ATCL

**CURRENTLY FULL**

£12	20mins
£18	30mins

**Mrs Anthea Wood -**Bassoon

BMus (Hons) PGDip-Perf RNCM

£20	30mins
£27	40mins
£40	60mins

**Mr Marcus Adams -**Brass

DipABRSM

£10.50	20mins
£13.65	30mins

**Ms Victoria Mogridge -**Violin/Viola

PGCE

£11	20mins
£16.50	30mins
£6	20mins group of 2

Headteacher P Nicholson BEd (Hons)

Deputy Headteachers M Lavis Med S Turnbull MA

Hardings Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QP 01747 822222 office@gillingham-dorset.co.uk

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

LTCL ATCL AMusTCL

£11.50 20mins

£17 30mins

£9 30mins group of 2

**Mrs Alison Carey -** Piano/Flute/Recorder/Theory/Electronic Keyboard

BMus (Hons) PGCE CT ABRSM ATCL **CURRENTLY FULL**

£11.70 20mins

£17 30mins

£25.50 45mins

£34 60mins

**Mr Guy Gardner -** Piano

BA (Hons) PGCE **CURRENTLY FULL**

£11 20mins

£16.50 30mins

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

£13 20mins

£6.50 20mins group of 2

**Mr Shaun Rigby** Drum Kit & Percussion (Timpani, Glockenspiel and Aux. Perc.)

BMus (Hons) **CURRENTLY FULL**

£13 20mins

£19.50 30mins

£26 40mins

**Mr Russell Parker -** Drum Kit

£12 20mins

£18 30mins

Headteacher P Nicholson BEd (Hons)

Deputy Headteachers M Lavis Med S Turnbull MA

Hardings Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QP 01747 822222 office@gillingham-dorset.co.uk

**Mrs Debbie Cassell -**

Voice

BA (Hons)

£12                20mins

£18                30mins

**Mr Mark James -**

Voice

DipLCM

£10.50            20 mins

£15                30 mins

£7.50            30 mins group of 2

Headteacher P Nicholson BEd (Hons)

Deputy Headteachers M Lavis Med S Turnbull MA

Hardings Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QP   01747 822222   [office@gillingham-dorset.co.uk](mailto:office@gillingham-dorset.co.uk)

## Application for Instrumental Tuition

Summer Term 2026

Student Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Parent/Guardian Name: .....

Contact Address: .....

.....

Contact Phone No: .....

Contact Email: .....

Instrument(s) and teacher(s) required:

.....

.....

Group / Individual (please delete)

20mins / 30mins

Group / Individual (please delete)

20mins / 30mins

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

Headteacher P Nicholson BEd (Hons)

Deputy Headteachers M Lavis Med S Turnbull MA

Hardings Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QP 01747 822222 office@gillingham-dorset.co.uk