

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS

Studying a musical instrument presents a wonderful opportunity to develop skills that can be enjoyed throughout the rest of a person's life. The lessons prepare pupils for external examinations, scholarships, concerts and other musical events. However, we recognise that, for some, the study of a musical instrument is purely for enjoyment. We offer taster lessons with our Visiting Music Teachers (VMTs) without charge. Pupils taking instrumental or singing lessons, in or outside Pangbourne, are strongly encouraged to participate in choirs and ensembles, as this builds confidence in many areas of musicianship.

Terms and Conditions for Undertaking Musical Tuition:

1. Lessons

Individual lessons lasting forty minutes are available in all orchestral instruments including singing, percussion, guitar and piano.

We aim to deliver thirty lessons per academic year.

For the academic year 2025/26, the cost of the lessons payable by parents is £50.40 per forty-minute lesson charged termly in arrears. This fee is subject to change for each academic year and will generally be published as part of the fee schedule during the Summer.

Where it is not possible for a pupil to be able to attend a lesson, the Head of Instrumental Music must be notified by email no later than forty-eight hours in advance of the lesson. Where possible, lessons will be re-arranged; if it is not possible, however, to rearrange the lesson, it will be charged as if it had taken place. This applies to all pupils, including Music Award holders.

If a pupil fails to attend the lesson without notice and does not respond to an electronic reminder from the Visiting Music Teacher, the lesson will be charged for. Again, this applies to all pupils, including Music Award holders. In the event that a pupil misses two lessons in any term, the parents will be contacted by the Head of Instrumental Music.

Should it be necessary for the continuation of tuition to purchase materials or workbooks, these will be purchased by the College and charged to your account up to a value of £25 per term. Should the amount exceed this, your permission will be sought in advance of the purchase.

2. Termination of Lessons

Should a pupil wish to discontinue lessons, an email must be sent to the Head of Instrumental Music. Following receipt of notice, five lessons will be payable and it is at the parent's discretion as to whether or not they wish the pupil to attend these lessons.

This is standard practice to ensure that the College honours its contractual commitments to its VMTs. It is not necessary to reapply for lessons at the start of the new academic year as lessons will automatically continue to be timetabled from one year to the next unless written notice is received, as per the Terms and Conditions.

3. Arrangement of Lesson Times

In Years 7-11, Music lessons occurring during academic time will normally be arranged on a rotating basis to ensure that the same academic lesson is not missed with unreasonable frequency. Pupils are expected to excuse themselves from academic lessons at least twenty-four hours in advance. In the Sixth Form, lessons are normally arranged during private study periods, or at other mutually convenient times, although this cannot be guaranteed.

4. Hire of Instruments

Instruments may be hired from the College, subject to availability, although this is usually for a maximum duration of one academic year. Parents are charged a termly fee of £35 and are fully responsible for insuring the instrument whilst in possession of the student.

If you have any queries regarding individual music lessons please contact Andy Thornhill, Head of Instrumental Music at andrew.thornhill@pangbourne.com or on 0118 976 6752. To book individual music lessons please complete the [booking form](#).