

LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

MUSIC LESSONS AT LRGS

Welcome to the Music Department at Lancaster Royal Grammar School! We are delighted that you are interested in taking music lessons with one of our music tutors. We have an excellent group of Peripatetic Music Teachers at LRGS and your son/daughter may wish to continue having their music lessons here. Your son/daughter may also wish to take up an instrument for the first time or start learning an additional instrument.

Our tutors are as follows:

Brass with Mr Adrian Boardman	aboardman@lrgs.org.uk
Drum Kit with Mr Andy Smith	asmith@lrgs.org.uk
Electric, Acoustic or Bass Guitar with Mr Dave Shooter	dshooter@lrgs.org.uk
Flute with Mrs Áine Molines	amolines@lrgs.org.uk
Piano with Ms Yvette Price	yprice@lrgs.org.uk
Saxophone, Clarinet and Flute with Mr David Kennedy	dkennedy@lrgs.org.uk
Singing with Mr Christopher Steele	csteele@lrgs.org.uk
Violin and Piano with Mrs Sarah Edmondson	sedmondson@lrgs.org.uk
Violin, Cello and Double Bass with Miss Penny Holt	pholt@lrgs.org.uk

You may also wish to have **Music Production** lessons (also with Mr Dave Shooter), working primarily with Ableton Live DAW software (and Push hardware units), learning how to make beats, produce and record music.

The music lessons are 30 minutes long and are on a one-to-one basis, at a charge of £19.50 per lesson. These usually take place during the school day on a rotating timetable, which hopefully reduces any impact on the academic timetable. Priority for lessons outside of the academic timetable is given to GCSE and A Level students. If a student needs to excuse themselves from a school lesson, they should inform the teacher at the beginning of the lesson and then ask to leave for the instrumental tuition (allowing enough time to get to the practice room). Similarly, after the music tuition, they should proceed to their next lesson. Students must ensure that they catch up on any missed work.

All music lessons take place in the practice rooms in the Music Department or the Music Practice Room in Old School House. Full details and any door codes will be emailed out to you in advance of the lesson.

From September 2024 we will undertake to provide 34 lessons over the school year. The amounts payable are shown below and reflect the number of lessons teachers aim to provide each term. Payments are made in advance, at the start of every half term.

Half Term	Amount Payable per Instrument
1 st Half Michaelmas (7 lessons)	£136.50
2 nd Half Michaelmas (7 lessons)	£136.50
1 st Half Lent (5 lessons)	£97.50
2 nd Half Lent (5 lessons)	£97.50
1 st Half Summer (5 lessons)	£97.50
2 nd Half Summer (5 lessons)	£97.50

You will receive an invoice for each half term and we request that payment is made via our online payment system Wisepay. Lessons will not commence without this contract being signed and returned (use the link below) and payment having been made. If there are financial issues regarding the fees, please contact Ms Price as soon as possible.

INSTRUMENTS

It is important that students have their own instrument for music lessons as practice between lessons is an important part of progress. There are only a limited number of certain instruments available in the Music Department, and these cannot be removed from the Department. There is a secure storage room in the Music Department, near the practice rooms, where your instrument may be stored during the school day.

If you do not have your own instrument the following are local suppliers we would recommend for instrument purchase or hire:

Promenade Music in Morecambe (www.promenademusic.co.uk)

The Music Cellar in Preston (www.themusiccellar.co.uk)

WIDER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT LRGS

All pupils who take advantage of the instrumental tuition at the school are encouraged to participate in the school ensembles where possible (free of charge) and to take part in performance opportunities at various times during the year. Details of rehearsal times are published each September:

Big Band	Choir	Tenors and Basses	Mega-band
	Larks (upper voices)	Folk Group	Guitar Group
Joint Schools Orchestra		String Group	Joint Vocal Group

SIGNING UP FOR MUSIC TUITION

If you wish to view full details of music lessons available and/or sign up for music lessons for the academic year 2024/25, please follow the link here: <https://forms.office.com/e/QEmjiVbhPV>

We look forward to making music with you!

Yours sincerely,
 Ms Yvette Price
 Peripatetic Music Administrator
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Safeguarding & Music Tuition

LRGS is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students. All our teaching and support staff, including our Peripatetic Music Tutors, have Disclosure & Barring Service clearance and receive regular safeguarding and child protection training.

However, as a parent/guardian, if you wish to arrange private music tuition for your son/daughter outside of school, the responsibility is with the parent to ensure that appropriate safeguarding procedures are in place.