

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC LESSONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



How do I apply for music lessons for my child?

Please send an email to music@tiffingirls.org. You will receive a copy of the Music Agreement, and a Google Form to complete (which constitutes acceptance of the Terms & Conditions set out in the Music Agreement).

How much do the lessons cost?

Lessons cost £23.00 per 30-minute individual lesson, payable termly in advance directly to the Visiting Music Teacher. Parents will be notified one term in advance of any increase in fees. Music Theory lessons are sometimes paired (or put in small groups), in which case the cost would be £11.50 per pupil per lesson.

Who provides the instruments?

Pupils must provide their own instruments where these are portable. Students receiving piano or drum kit lessons should have access to an instrument at home for practice.

How are the lessons timetabled? Will my child miss subject lessons?

Pupils in years 7 to 9 have music lessons during school time and will therefore come out of subject lessons to attend. Times are rotated if this is possible. Pupils in years 10 to 13 have music lessons during private study periods, during breaks, or before or after school, as far as possible.

When will my child receive their timetable?

Timetables will be sent using the Practice Pal app. Each day's lessons will be displayed on a screen in the Music Department. However, it is expected that students check the Practice Pal app and their reminder emails.

Will my child be collected to attend their music lesson?

It is the pupil's responsibility to ensure that they attend their music lesson at the correct time each week. They will not be collected by the Visiting Music Teacher.

What happens if my child misses their music lesson?

No action is taken for one missed lesson. If a pupil misses two lessons in a row without explanation, the Visiting Music Teacher will contact parents.

Will missed lessons be rearranged or refunded?

Lessons missed due to the Visiting Music Teacher's absence will be rearranged or refunded, to be determined by the teacher. Lessons missed due to the pupil's absence (e.g. if they were ill or forgot to attend their lesson) cannot be rearranged or refunded. Lessons cancelled as a result of emergency school closure (e.g. due to inclement weather) will be rearranged or refunded, as determined by the teacher.

What happens if my child has an appointment or school trip on the day of their music lesson?

Pupils should notify the Visiting Music Teacher and the Music Administrator as soon as possible and preferably two weeks in advance. A swap with another pupil will be arranged where this is possible and in some cases pupils may organise this themselves, with the approval of the Visiting Music

Teacher. If insufficient notice is given, the Visiting Music Teacher is not obliged to make up the missed lesson.

Can my child take an exam in school?

The school hosts a special visit from an ABRSM examiner at the end of each term for instrumental grade exams. These exams will be organised by the Music Administrator. Music Theory pupils will be entered for exams by the Theory teacher, either at school (when possible), or at a centre local to the student. Parents' consent will be obtained before entering a pupil for an exam.

How do I cancel my child's music lessons?

One full-term's notice, i.e. one school term as per the school calendar, must be given in writing to the Visiting Music Teacher and copied to the Music Administrator. Notice should be given no later than the **first lesson of the term** in which music lessons are to stop. If insufficient notice is given, the next term's fees will be payable. For example, if a pupil wished to give notice in October, the school Finance department would then continue billing the parent for lessons up to and including the end of the Spring term.

My child will be starting in Year 7 in September. What happens if they change their mind about music lessons?

In the case of new Year 7 pupils only, we require only half a term's notice. If your child changes their mind after lessons start in September please let the Music Administrator know by October half term to avoid being charged for the following term's lessons.

If you have any further queries please contact the Music Administrator via email
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