

Performing Arts

Instrumental Lessons

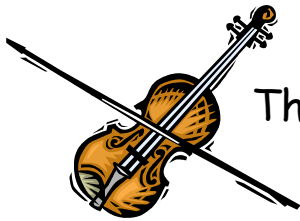
INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS IN CALDEW SCHOOL

Pupils attending Caldew School have many opportunities to learn an instrument. We are very fortunate to have the services of several peripatetic teachers who offer expert tuition on a wide range of instruments.

Read on to find out more.....

WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE?

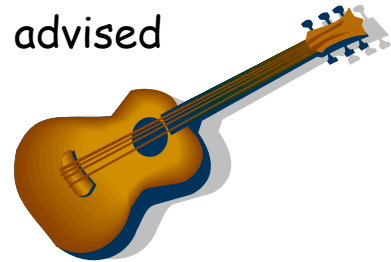
Currently we are able to offer: WOODWIND, STRINGS, BRASS, KEYBOARD/ PIANO, GUITAR (acoustic, electric and bass) DRUM KIT and SINGING lessons.



DO I HAVE TO BUY AN INSTRUMENT?

The County Music Service has an instrumental loan scheme and there are also rental schemes available from a variety of shops and suppliers.

Depending on the instrument it may be possible for a pupil to 'borrow' an instrument from school for a short 'trial' period. Please contact Ms Brownlee for further details. It is advised that students should have a quality instrument of their own once they reach Grade 1 standard.



HOW ARE LESSONS ORGANISED?

Due to social distancing and available space in practise rooms we can only offer 1:1 lessons this year.

The lessons are rotated so that pupils do not miss the same subject lesson every week. We find pupils cope well with this system and are able to catch up on work missed. Caldew School strongly supports music lessons in school and believes that instrumental lessons are an equally important and valuable part of the school curriculum. It is the pupils' responsibility to check instrumental timetables for the date and time of their lesson. **Students will no longer be collected from lessons if they forget. Lessons missed due to pupil absence or pupils not turning up on time will still be charged.**

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE LESSONS?

1:1 lessons are £12.50 per lesson. In the upper years, any students taking Music GCSE or A level will be charged a subsidised fee. The cost is not per lesson but £90 per term. It is perhaps worth noting that this compares very favourably with the cost of organising private tuition outside school.

HOW DO I PAY?

Initially you will be sent an invoice prior to the start of September for the autumn term. At the end of the autumn term you will receive a new invoice for the spring and then at the end of the spring term you will be sent a new invoice for the summer term. If payment isn't received within 10 working days of the invoice being issued, we reserve the right to cancel lessons. Cash/cheques should be handed into Mrs Russell at Main Reception. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE CHEQUES/CASH TO MUSIC TEACHING STAFF.**



We strongly advise our GCSE and A Level music students' to have lessons, as 30% of the course is performing on an instrument. However, it is not mandatory.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN'T PAY?

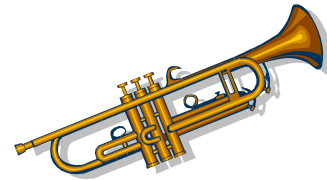
We can arrange a payment plan with you to spread the cost over the term or if you are unable to pay the full amount each term you may apply for school funding which is considered on a case by case basis. Please contact Ms Brownlee, at the start of the term, for further details.

WHAT IF I DECIDE TO STOP HAVING LESSONS?

If this happens, we require written confirmation as you will still be charged for lessons until this is received.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE TO PLAY IN GROUPS AND ENSEMBLES?

Unfortunately, there are no clubs on at lunchtimes or after school due to covid restrictions. We will get our ensembles up and running as soon as it is safe to do so!



WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Please email Ms Brownlee with your child's name, form and chosen instrument, please make it clear that you give permission for lessons to start ASAP.

We are happy to send parents copies of the risk assessment specific for peripatetic lessons.

We are trying to avoid slips of paper being brought in from home and handled by staff, so please email Ms Brownlee on ebrownlee@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk

Many thanks for your understanding