

St. Bede's Catholic College

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Dear Parents

Instrumental and Voice Lessons

As part of the music curriculum at St. Bede's Catholic College, pupils are exposed to a variety of musical styles and genres, during which pupils develop their performance, composition and listening and appraising skills. In addition to this, St. Bede's provides a scheme allowing interested pupils to have instrumental or vocal tuition individually or in pairs during the college day. This tuition fully complements the work completed within the curriculum and is an opportunity for individuals to excel within musical performance. This letter explains how the scheme works.

Peripatetic tuition is extremely successful at St. Bede's, with over 300 pupils opting to have instrumental or voice lessons. At present, the college offers tuition on the following instruments:

Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Lower brass (Baritone, Euphonium and Tuba)
Violin
Cello
Piano
Voice (Classical, Musical Theatre and Popular styles)
Guitar (Classical, Acoustic, Electric and Bass)
Drum Kit

Pupils opting to learn an instrument or have voice lessons are taught by one of the college's visiting music teachers in pairs or on an independent basis. Lessons last for 30 minutes each week and pupils receive 33 lessons per academic year. These lessons are held on the same day every week but are timetabled on rotation ensuring little disruption to other curriculum lessons. Lesson times are posted on the notice board outside the Music Recital Room (C29). It is the pupil's responsibility to check these regularly so that they arrive promptly for the lesson and make good use of the time. If your child is having trouble understanding the system, music staff will be more than happy to help.

Parents receive regular correspondence from the visiting music teachers, ensuring that progress is monitored and all pupils are successful within their instrumental or vocal studies.

There are a variety of instruments available to loan from the music department. These can be used within lesson time as well as loaned for practice at break/lunch times and at home. Several local music shops also offer hire or credit schemes should you wish to purchase an instrument, of which we can provide information and offer advice.

Fees:

The charge for instrumental and voice lessons is £360 per year. In order to minimise the monthly payment, this charge is spread out over 12 months. This makes the monthly payments £30. This cost is significantly cheaper than private tuition and must be paid by monthly standing order (please see the attached form.) Please do not cancel your standing order over the summer holidays. If you or your child decides that lessons are no longer required, two term's notice in writing must be given by you to the Finance Office before payment is stopped. Once we have acknowledged your letter, it is your responsibility to cancel your standing order to our bank account.

Pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding and wish to take music lessons can be supported with the lesson costs. Pupils from families who are experiencing financial hardship should write to Mr D O'Rourke, Vice Principal, explaining their situation. Pupils in such circumstances will be supported wherever possible.

Should you wish for your child to take advantage of the instrumental or vocal opportunities available at St. Bede's, it is essential that you return the reply slip to **Mrs Mason in Reception** as soon as possible, together with a completed standing order form.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours faithfully



Mr J Lewis
Head of Music



Reply Slip for Instrumental Lessons

Pupil's Name.....

Instrument.....

My child is entitled to pupil premium

We are in receipt of income support and would like financial help. Please enclose supporting evidence.

Please note: Pupils will not be able to start lessons until both this form and the standing order form have been returned to Mrs Mason in Reception.

IMPORTANT

If you or child decides that lessons are no longer required, 2 term's notice in writing must be given by the parent to Reception before payment is stopped. Once we have acknowledged your letter, it is your responsibility to cancel your standing order to our bank account.

I have read and understood the terms of the music lessons and agree to them.

Signed

Date

From time to time, it is useful if Peripatetic Music Teachers can contact you directly regarding the progress of your child in their instrumental or vocal lessons. If you are happy for the college to share your email address with your child's music teacher, please tick the box below.

I am happy to receive communication from my child's music teacher. I give permission for the college to share my email address with my child's music teacher.

STANDING ORDER AUTHORITY TO BANK

Child's name..... Tutor Group.....

Please pay the sum of £30.00 every month starting on the.....of
September 2019 and every month after that until cancelled by me in writing.
(To the Bank – Please make September's payment a.s.a.p. if the date has already passed)

From my/our bank account -

Account name.....

Account number.....

Sort code

Full Branch name and address (including post code)

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<u>Pay to -</u>	St. Bede's College Music account
Account number	79675883
Sort code	60-23-23
Bank	NatWest Bank PLC
Address	13 High Street Westbury-on-Trym Bristol BS9 3BF

Bank please quote this reference on all payments.....
(To be completed by College)

Signed..... (Parent/Guardian to sign)

Date.....

Please send completed mandate back to the College and NOT direct to your bank