

Holbrook Academy Application Form for Music Tuition 2024/25



Dear Parent/Carer,

To register your son/daughter for music lessons, please complete the following form by the end of the summer term.

<https://forms.gle/XEk92pyWTNf8SsqKA>

The following information sets out our system and, hopefully, answers any questions you may have about music lessons.

Instruments:- Violin, Viola, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba, Guitar (classical and electric), Bass Guitar, Drums, Piano/Keyboard, Singing.

If you do not have an instrument already, then we have a number of instruments that can be borrowed directly from the Academy. Alternatively, we can advise on the best places to go and the best prices to look for when buying an instrument.

Teachers:- Our teachers are all contracted privately by the school and are experts in their particular field. They have all been DBS checked.

When and Where:- All lessons take place in one of the practice rooms in the music department, they run during our normal school day on whichever day the teacher is able to do (usually the same day all year). Students leave their normal timetabled class to attend music lessons on a rotating timetable so that they do not always miss the same class. Lessons are a minimum of 20 minutes long and students can view their times on the notice board outside the music room.

Cost:- The cost of lessons will vary depending on the individual teacher and they can be contacted to provide further details of this. You will only pay for the lessons that actually take place so if trips or bank holidays get in the way you will not be charged. Each teacher is responsible for their own finances so you will be billed either half-termly or termly direct by the teacher. It is possible to learn more than one instrument, you will simply pay for the number of lessons.

What happens if a teacher/my child is away? In the case of your child being away, the teacher will be alerted to the absence by our office. You may be still charged for the lesson however this will be at the discretion of the teacher. When a teacher is absent, they may wish to come in on another day and catch up or they may decide just to leave out that particular week. Either way you will only pay for the lessons that actually take place. However, if your child misses a lesson because they forgot, you will still be charged.

What happens if we want to stop lessons? Although a tragedy of the highest order(!), if for any reason you do wish to discontinue lessons, you can do at any time. You will need to write to both me, as Head of Music, and separately to the individual teacher informing us of your decision.

Opportunities:- Anyone can join the school band and other ensembles that run throughout the week. There are opportunities for students to perform solos in our concerts as well as duets and group pieces by arrangement with me.

If you have any further questions about music lessons at Holbrook Academy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Hatton
Music Department