



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

June 2021

MUSIC DEPARTMENT INSTRUMENTAL TUITION FOR 2021/22 FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

Dear Parent / Carer,

At Park High we offer a varied and extensive range of instrumental and vocal tuition and extended curricular music ensembles. Musical activities are valued greatly by the school.

Depending on the demand and cost we will be continuing to offer lessons as follows:

<i>Vocal</i>	Male and female.
<i>String</i>	Violin, Viola, beginner Cello, Double Bass
<i>Woodwind</i>	Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon.
<i>Brass</i>	Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba.
<i>Percussion</i>	Drum Kit,
<i>Guitar</i>	Classical guitar, Electric guitar and Electric bass guitar
<i>Keyboard</i>	Electric Keyboard, Piano.
<i>Indian Instruments</i>	Tabla, Harmonium, Sitar, Dhol

Due to the current situation, we are trying to keep the fees as low as possible, **we will now offer group lessons**, with a maximum of 3 students receiving a **30-minute lesson**. We will have to limit the number of students to adhere to social distancing rules. To ensure teachers can be paid for the contracted hours, we must insist that fees are paid **prior** to the first lesson. **Students will not be able to participate in any instrumental lesson until payment has been made in full.**

As with most schools we must make a charge for instrumental and vocal music lessons. The cost will be £330 for a guaranteed 33 lessons over the year. Full payment is available on ParentPay. Students will not be allowed to start attending lessons until payment has been made. Although, we would very much prefer the full fee to be paid, we are aware that circumstances may be challenging due to the impact of COVID-19 and therefore we are offering the chance to pay in instalments.

Payment deadlines:

Payment 1:	The first instalment is due on	3rd September 2021
Payment 2:	The second instalment is due on	31st January 2022

- a) For 33 lessons the subsidised cost will be £10 per lesson which is **£330** per annum
- b) The first instrument will be **free** for families eligible for Free School Meals and students studying GCSE Music.
- c) A Reduced subsidised fee, offering 10% discount of **£297** per annum are offered to:
 1. Students learning a second instrument.
 2. Second or subsequent members (siblings) of the same family attending Park High who are having school lessons.

Please note: A reduced subsidised fee for 2nd instrument and siblings will only be available where the full subsidised fee has been paid first.

If you are successful in your application and later chose to withdraw, **refunds will not be made**. All lessons are provided at the discretion of the Head of Music and lessons will be stopped if students do not maintain their commitment to them. **Refunds will not be made as fees are liable throughout the year in full.**

Headteacher Mrs Colette O'Dwyer

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Students are withdrawn from mainstream classes to attend instrumental and vocal lessons. All instrumental and vocal lessons are timetabled on a rotational basis so that the same school lesson is not missed each week.

Teachers will use Microsoft Teams to deliver live lessons to students if required to. If students are present in school, we will be expecting social distancing rules to be strictly adhered to. We will inform you if restrictions are changed.

I do hope you will consider instrumental or vocal lessons for your child. They are still subsidised by the school and represent excellent value for money. It is also worth pointing out at this stage that following recent changes to the music examining bodies (ABRSM, & Trinity-College), **passing the upper music exam grades (6, 7 & 8) now equates to UCAS points which will support students' entry into University** in a few years' time! I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Park High School have been awarded to be a Champion Centre for Trinity College examinations.

If you would like your son/daughter to receive instrumental / vocal lessons, then please complete the contract form on our website:

<https://www.parkhighstanmore.org.uk/curriculum/music/instrumental-and-vocal-lessons-agreement>

If you are finding yourself in financial difficulties, please do contact the Head of Music, Mrs Phillippa Pearn at ppear2.310@parkhighstanmore.org.uk

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



Colette O'Dwyer
Head Teacher