

# INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS



**If you would like  
your child to have instrumental tuition at  
School, please read the information overleaf  
and complete the attached form so the relevant  
tutor can contact you.**

- ♪ Lessons are scheduled on a rotating timetable basis to avoid students missing the same lesson
- ♪ Tutors attend on the same day and teach in the same room wherever possible
- ♪ Tutors are paid directly by parents / carers and will make direct contact with you to arrange lessons
- ♪ Taking grade exams is always possible but not mandatory



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## INDIVIDUAL/GROUP MUSIC TUITION

### Introduction

Music tuition at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre is a private arrangement between parents/carers and the tutor. The School will act as the facilitator for Peripatetic Music Tuition ensuring a relevant space for lessons to take place in, sourcing and undertaking relevant checks on the staff working with our students and monitor the quality of the provision provided, however, you will not have a contract with Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre.

We will ensure that lesson times are displayed in an easy to access area for students to check and that peripatetic music teachers are regularly reviewed for their suitability to practice. All peripatetic teachers are DBS checked. Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre will accept no responsibility for payments for lessons. This is arranged between the parent and tutor.

### TEACHERS

#### Guitar and Bass

Teacher: Tony Marchetti

Instruments offered: Electric, Classical and Bass guitar

Grade exams offered: Yes – all levels

#### Vocals

Teacher: Andrew Hopwood

Instruments offered: Vocals

Grade exams offered: Yes – all levels

#### Violin and Viola

Teacher: Bill Anderton

Instruments offered: Violin and Viola (loan instruments available for no cost on a first come, first served basis)

Grade exams offered: Yes – all levels

#### Drums

Teacher: Jamie Frost

Instruments offered: Drums

Grade exams offered: Yes – all levels

#### Piano, Clarinet and Saxophone

Teacher: Tim Dexter BA Hons DipABRSM

Instruments offered: Piano, clarinet, saxophone

Grade exams available: Yes – all levels

*NB: Additional instrumental teachers can be explored upon request. We work closely with local providers to try and ensure all students are able to learn their preferred instrument.*

*Existing instrumental teachers of students (from Primary school) can book a teaching room to allow continuation of teacher, where preferred. Please ask them to contact the school to discuss.*



## **Termly Fees**

Fees are to be paid IN ADVANCE for the term and failure to do so will result in suspension of lessons. Lessons missed by the tutor will be made up at a time convenient for both tutor and student. Any lessons missed by the student without sufficient reason will NOT be reimbursed or made up by the tutor. Any group lesson is by arrangement with the tutor.

## **Hire of Instruments**

A number of instruments are available to hire from the Gloucestershire Music Service at a small cost per term. Please contact Gloucestershire Music Service directly to arrange this. Full information can be found here: <https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/instrument-hire/what-and-how-to-hire/>

## **Times of Music Lessons**

Timetables are arranged on a rotating basis - so that the same lesson is not repeatedly missed each week. However, if you would prefer a regular time, please arrange this directly with your tutor. Tutors will coordinate timetables and these will be emailed to you directly by the tutor and will also be displayed within the subject area in a place convenient for students to see. If a student is taking part in a school event / exam / trip, it is your responsibility to let the teacher know and arrange an alternative time in advance of the day of the lesson taking place.

## **Further Notes**

1. You are encouraged to keep in contact with the tutor so that progress can be monitored. Please speak to tutors directly to find out their procedure for progress reporting.
2. When the tutor accepts a student for lessons, it is expected that the student will practice for at least 20 minutes a day on that instrument.
3. It is usual practice for a tutor to steer the students towards an ABRSM, Trinity College, Guildhall, School of Rock or similar examination course. Should you wish your child to learn purely on a playing for pleasure basis, please contact the tutor so that a suitable programme can be arranged.

## **Support with Fees:**

Make Music Gloucestershire offer a bursary to support fees up to £200 per term (3 term year) for pupils in receipt of pupil premium, or for those families who can demonstrate hardship, to receive individual or small group tuition.

Students could be those playing an instrument, singing or making music using electronic devices. The primary (but not exclusive) aim of the scheme is to support pupils who have received group tuition (usually at primary school through the whole class ensemble tuition scheme) and now require support to progress further.

For further information about these grants please visit the Make Music Gloucestershire Website or contact Mark Medland, Business Manager, Make Music Gloucestershire: 01452 427242

**PLEASE FILL IN THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
Your chosen instrument teacher will be in touch to arrange lessons for September.**



## REQUEST FOR MUSIC TUITION

<b>Name of Student:</b> _____		<b>Tutor Group:</b> _____
<b>Name of Parent/Carer:</b> _____		
<b>Address of Parent/Carer:</b> _____ _____		
<b>Post Code:</b> _____	<b>Telephone:</b> _____	
<b>Email Address:</b> _____		
<b>Instrument:</b> _____		
<i>Please complete one form per instrument request or email us to discuss options</i>		

### Parental Agreement: (This acts as a contract with your tutor)

1. I give consent to my child being withdrawn from the school timetable to attend music lessons
2. I will encourage my child to arrive for the lesson on time each week
3. I will inform the tutor of unscheduled absences from lessons
4. I will ensure that recommended music is bought for lessons and that appropriate accessories are purchased eg rosin, reeds etc as necessary
5. I will serve the requested notice period to the music tutor if I wish my child to discontinue lessons.
6. I will pay for any examination fees in which my child participates.
7. I understand that lessons missed by the student will not be refunded and will be re-arranged only if the tutor has the time available and at their discretion.
8. I consent to my contact details being passed to the relevant instrumental tutor in order for them to contact me to arrange lessons, communicate timetables and maintain regular necessary contact.

**Parent / Carer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_