



Wolverhampton Girls' High School

“Ludus Supra Praemium”

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Instrumental Lessons at Wolverhampton Girls' High School Terms and Conditions

1 Hire Instruments

We are pleased to make available several orchestral instruments available for hire at a charge of £30 for the academic year. Instruments that are hired out become the responsibility of the parent and to cover for any damage it is recommended that the instrument be added to a household insurance policy. The hirer is responsible for any loss or damage which exceeds reasonable wear and tear and will be invoiced accordingly if necessary. The hire of these instruments is intended to help students in starting an instrument without the initial expense of purchase. It is not intended that these instruments will be hired for a student's entire school career. We will supply the instrument in full working order and in good condition.

2 Starting Lessons

On receipt of the application form, availability will be assessed, and your daughter will be allocated their teacher. Should a place be available, you will receive email confirmation prior to the start of term. Lessons will not commence until (1) a completed and signed Instrumental Contract has been returned via DocuSign and (2) the Instrumental Lesson Music deposit of £35 has been paid on ParentPay by 30th June 2024. If you wish to withdraw your daughter, you must follow the cancellation procedure outlined below in point 7.

3 Payment

Payment may be made from September 2024 via ParentPay in the following ways:

- 1 advance payment for the full year's fees or
- 3 instalments payable at the beginning of each school term or
- 8 equal monthly instalments from September 2024 to April 2025

4 Lesson Quantity

We aim for your daughter to receive between 30 – 32 lessons across the 39-week academic year if you have opted for Individual/Paired/Group lessons and between 15 – 16 lessons if you have opted for Half Individual lessons. The number of lessons will vary from term to term.

5 Lesson Type

We recommend opting for Individual Lessons for faster progress. We also recommend an individual lesson for students taking Grade 4 and above. A group lesson cannot be guaranteed if there are insufficient numbers to fill it. Students studying GCSE Music in Y10 and A Level in Y12 and Y13 will have the full cost of tuition of either Half-Individual or Paired lesson covered on one instrument to reflect the importance that performance plays in these examinations. **Please note, students studying GCSE Music in Y11 will not receive a subsidy.**

6 Lesson Timings

Lessons take place during or after the normal school day on a rotational basis. Student timetables will be available to view on Teams and on display in the Music Department. Due to the expense incurred by parents, music lessons take priority over non- calendar events. Instrumental Teachers are aware of major school events and examinations that appear on the calendar. A pupil should advise their teacher of a potential clash with another school event (a fixture or trip which does not appear in the calendar) as soon as it is known about.





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7 Termination of Tuition (notice period is one Half-Term)

You have the right to terminate the Agreement by giving written notice by the following dates:

Notice by **Friday 25th October 2024** for lessons to stop at the end of the Autumn Term (December)

Notice by **Friday 14th February 2025** for lessons to stop at the end of the Spring Term (April)

This will result in termination of lessons at the end of that Term. Termination of lessons at the end of an academic year is agreed to be a sufficient notice period for the forthcoming academic year.

8 Fees of Lessons

The music tuition fees will be reviewed annually and may be increased by such amount as the governors consider necessary and reasonable. We reserve the right to adjust fees subject to finalisation and following confirmation of the teacher's pay scale. There may be other minor costs for sheet music, strings, reeds etc. which occur throughout the year. We will seek to support families in receipt of certain benefits or for whom the school is in receipt of Pupil Premium who would otherwise be unable to learn an instrument. Where eligibility for Pupil Premium funding has been confirmed, students will have the full cost of tuition covered for either group, half-individual or paired lessons. The cost of lessons for the 2024 - 2025 year are:

Individual	Weekly 30 minute lesson on a 1:1 basis	£723
Half Individual	Fortnightly 30 minute lesson on a 1:1 basis	£363
Pair	Weekly 30 minute lesson on a 2:1 basis	£370
Group	Weekly 30 minute lesson on a 3:1 basis	£257
Instrument Hire	Annual Fee	£30

9 Co-operation

Whilst every reasonable effort will be made to improve a pupil's knowledge and ability, the pupil cannot expect to improve unless they co-operate fully with the teacher and practises in the way advised. It is vital that parents encourage their children to practise regularly and ensure that they come to school with instruments and music on the day of an instrumental/vocal music lesson. We advise that your daughter should not take lessons on an instrument where they will continue to receive lessons outside of school as there will be conflict with the teaching methods and approach adopted by the Instrumental Music Teacher.

10 Involvement in Ensembles

Joining an ensemble will help your child to become a better musician and develop important social skills. Membership of a group should be regarded as a fundamental part of their music education rather than an optional extra; your child will improve their sight reading and experience a greater range of repertoire. All pupils learning an instrument are also encouraged to be in a choir to aid aural development.

11 Data Protection Act

Personal data will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Information will only be used for statistical and monitoring purposes. No information will be passed to third parties.

