



GORDANO
SCHOOL

**PERIPATETIC
MUSIC
LESSONS**

Autumn Season 2023



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WELCOME LETTER

Learning a musical instrument has proven benefits for the emotional, academic and holistic development of young people.

This is incredibly important following the recent years of lockdowns and uncertainty. We are delighted you are here to engage with this.

Peripatetic Lessons are available for the following instruments
(subject to change)

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, cornet, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tenor horn, euphonium, tuba, violin, viola, cello, drum kit, orchestral percussion, electric/acoustic/classical guitar, piano, keyboard, voice.

Please read the Terms and Conditions May 2023 at the end of this booklet, prior to booking lessons.

Bursary funding is available for instrumental/vocal lessons for students who are currently registered as Pupil Premium.

Should you need to contact us directly please email Music Lessons (musiclessons@gordanoschool.org.uk) with your child's initials, tutor group and instrument in the subject line.

Information about the price & payment schedule can be found at the back of the brochure

WHAT TO EXPECT

Peripatetic music lessons are delivered by tutors from the North Somerset Music Service.

Individual lessons are either 20 or 30 minutes long. Paired lessons (2 students) of 30 minutes may be available if another student of a similar level requires a paired session.

Music tuition takes place throughout the school day during normal teaching time as well as breaks and lunchtime.

Tuition times will normally change every other week to ensure the same subject isn't missed consistently.

Peripatetic music lessons take place in the practice rooms in the music department.

A timetable is displayed outside the practice room and **it is the responsibility of the student** to check this first thing in the morning on the day of their lesson.

Students are expected to note down their tuition time and excuse themselves from lessons at the appropriate time.

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HOW TO BOOK

To book music tuition, please complete the online booking form
[Peripatetic Music Lessons application](#)

Once your application has been received, the charge for tuition will be added to your ParentPay account.

The charge must be paid in full before tuition is booked through the North Somerset Music Service.

Please read the Terms and Conditions carefully before applying for music tuition.

BURSARIES

A bursary to help with a portion of the music tuition fees may be available. If the student is Pupil Premium and or receives Free School Meals, please complete the bursary application form.

[Bursary Application Form](#)

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INSTRUMENT HIRE

Instruments are available to hire through the North Somerset Music Service. This is a great way for students to try out a new instrument without a large, initial financial outlay.

If you'd like any further information about instrument hire, please contact the music service directly by email music.service@n-somerset.gov.uk

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The school year is split into three seasons for Peripatetic Music Lessons.

There are usually 10 or 11 music lessons per season.

The price per season is calculated using an hourly rate set by the North Somerset Music Service, with a small admin charge.

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The hourly rate at present is £41.50 plus an admin fee of £7.60 per set of lessons booked.

Payments are made through ParentPay and payment in full, is due before the start of each season.

Please read the terms and conditions carefully before making a booking.

Please complete the online booking form and bursary form by **Friday 2nd June**

Payment in full through ParentPay must be made by **Friday 23rd June** to secure the teaching time.

Bookings will automatically be rolled on to the following season unless 5 weeks written notice is given.

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GORDANO SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS' TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These terms and conditions apply to all pupils and their parents who wish to have music lessons organised by the school using Peripatetic Teachers i.e. a music teacher employed directly by North Somerset Council, or Gordano School.

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flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, cornet, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tenor horn, euphonium, tuba, violin, viola, cello, drum kit, orchestral percussion, electric/acoustic/classical guitar, piano, keyboard, voice.

All students learning an instrument are expected to join at least one of the musical groups that are run in the School Music Department when they reach an appropriate standard. Singers will be invited to join the choirs.

Booking and Payment Terms

1. Parents/guardians wishing to enroll a son/daughter should read the conditions detailed below, complete an initial booking form (linked in the covering letter). The appropriate fee will then be added to your ParentPay account ready for payment. Lessons typically commence from the beginning of the next season but can sometimes be accommodated sooner if a teacher is available.

2. Music lessons are taught within the 3 seasonal terms – Autumn/Spring/Summer, each seasonal term consisting of two half terms.

3. Lesson types available are individual 30 minutes, individual 20 minutes or paired 30 minutes.

4. Fees are reviewed annually and parents/guardians are notified of any alterations via ParentPay or e-mail.

5. Payment of fees for the season's lessons is requested via ParentPay shortly after the booking deadline.

6. Once your child is receiving instrumental lessons, you will automatically be invoiced every seasonal term via ParentPay.

7. Activating the payment will book the lessons and confirm acceptance of the current Terms & Conditions.

8. Families wishing to receive financial support whose children are in receipt of Free School meals or registered as Pupil Premium Students should complete and return the Bursary Form which can be requested from musiclessons@gordanoschool.org.uk.

9. Please note that for the Summer 2023 season you are booking/paying for 10 lessons. The number of lessons varies depending on the length of term (usually 10 or 11) Therefore the cost may change slightly at each renewal point.

Missed lessons/Absence

10. If a student is ill, no refund of the lesson fee will be made or the lesson made up at a future date, unless there are special circumstances (e.g. hospitalization, long term absence due to ongoing illness) and you should inform the school via email musiclessons@gordanoschool.org.uk

11. If the teacher misses a lesson through illness, the lesson will be made up at a later date, a cover teacher will be sent by the Local Authority, or there will be a refund of missed lesson fees in the following term.

Cancellation or changes to arrangements

12. Lessons can be cancelled at any time with 5 weeks notice. Please e-mail musiclessons@gordanoschool.org.uk and the date of the e-mail will be used as the start of the 5 weeks notice. Where appropriate, refunds will be actioned.

13. Lesson type / instrument changes made by parents/guardians should be emailed to musiclessons@gordanoschool.org.uk. These will also require 5 weeks notice and can only be actioned if there is availability within the teachers' timetables.

Lessons and Progress Reports

14. Lessons generally take place during the school day and times are rotated fortnightly or weekly wherever possible so that pupils do not miss the same curriculum lessons regularly. Any pupil missing the same curriculum subject on a regular basis should speak to the teacher and email musiclessons@gordanoschool.org.uk so that they are aware of the issue and if possible, they will review the appointment times.

15. Lunch and break time slots are mostly allocated to Years 11, 12 and 13 pupils studying for examination courses.

16. It is the students' responsibility to regularly check the date/time/location of their lessons on the timetables on the Music Department notice boards, especially early on the appointment day in case of last-minute alterations, and to notify the Music Department and musiclessons@gordanoschool.org.uk of any problem of attendance at least 24 hours in advance so we can try to swap lesson times to accommodate.

17. Parents will receive a report on their child's progress once a year from their instrumental teacher.

Instruments

18. The school generally does not provide instruments for pupils to learn on. You may hire instruments from the North Somerset Music Service (who provide the lessons) at music.service@n-somerset.gov.uk. You may also hire instruments from most local music shops. However, if you have any difficulties in obtaining an instrument, please contact the Head of Music and we will try to help.

19. Private and hired instruments are not covered by school insurance and should be insured by parents/guardians against theft, loss and damage.

20. The Assisted Purchase Scheme allows you to purchase an instrument from a music shop for your son/daughter at educational price i.e. minus the VAT costs. Should you wish to take advantage of this scheme, please contact the North Somerset Music Service for further details. Tel. 01934 426430

Waiting list

21. If your child wishes to start learning an instrument half way through a term this can only be accommodated if a teacher is available. If not, we will keep them on the waiting list for the start of the next season.

Changes to Terms and Conditions

The school will review these terms and conditions on an ongoing basis. Should any changes occur they will not be implemented until the start of a new season and you will be notified by ParentPay email before the end of the current season.

Thank you for your help and support on these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact the Music Department if you have any queries or concerns about your child's instrumental tuition.

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