

**THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
ST OLAVE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL TUITION**

April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

If your son is currently receiving lessons and you would like him to learn with a teacher at St Olave's from September, or if he is a beginner wishing to start, please complete an application form and send it to the school, marked for my attention. Please aim to return forms as soon as possible, to enable allocation to be completed during the Summer Term. An email will be sent during the early part of the summer holiday confirming the teacher's name and other relevant details. Applications Forms must be printed and signed with your usual signature. Electronic signatures are not currently accepted.

You will note from the accompanying booklet that lessons are given on a rota basis during the school day, and that all pupils are expected to have their own instruments. In addition, please note that it is *essential* for pianists to have a piano available to practise at home. It is not possible to arrange for instrumental lessons to take place other than on the teacher's usual rota of times.

Lesson times are posted in advance, and it is the responsibility of pupils to attend punctually. Exchanging times with another pupil is allowed when clashes with important tests or field trips occur. Instrumental teachers or the music staff should be consulted in cases of difficulty, and we will do our utmost to solve problems.

Fees for each course of 10 thirty minute lessons will be £195.00 in September 2019. This will rise in September 2020 (and each subsequent September) to a level set by the Bromley Youth Music Trust, which will be linked to the Teachers' Pay Award.

There will be 30 lessons each year, but these will not necessarily be spread evenly between the terms. The Summer Term is often disrupted by examinations and field-trips, meaning that peripatetic staff often work "in credit" for part of the year.

Music staff will be available at the Introduction Evening on Thursday, 27 June to discuss any matters of concern and to talk about the school instrumental ensembles, but please feel free to contact me – preferably by email – if you have any urgent queries about the system.

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