



## Musical Opportunities

We offer a wide variety of music-making at The Henry Beaufort School. We have a range of different instruments as well as vocal lessons. There are concerts and performance opportunities throughout the year and our musicians must commit to taking part in at least one weekly after school music activity.

## Tuition

Lessons are taught by Peripatetic music teachers, on contract from the Hampshire Music Service, and can be on an individual basis or in groups or pairs, the cost of the tuition is determined by these arrangements. Lessons take place during the school day and your child will need to leave a lesson to attend their tuition, any work missed as a result of the music lessons must be completed by the student at a later date. All instrumental lessons are organised on a rotational basis so that students should not be missing the same lesson more than twice per half term.

## Instruments

The school is only able to loan instruments to students if the instrument is inconvenient to bring to and from school, you will therefore need to provide your child with the appropriate instrument before lessons start. Please note that any pupil wishing to have piano lessons at school requires a piano/keyboard at home.

## Charges for Tuition (As from September 2021)

Tuition will be charged every 9 weeks, to secure your child's place, payment will be due 9 weeks in advance. The total number of weeks you will be charged is 36. This takes into account the actual weeks that lessons can take place.

Lessons are available in groups, pairs and 1:1 with a tutor. If your preference is for a group or paired lesson every effort will be made to ensure your preference is accommodated, however in the event that we are unable to pair or group your child you will be charged the appropriate fee for the tuition received.

If your child is in a paired lesson and the other student ceases their lesson or is moved up to a higher level you will be charged the paired rate for the duration of the 9-week rotation, however if we are unable to pair or group your child for future rotations, we will charge the individual rate from the next 9-week rotation giving you at least 9 weeks' notice of the change.

If your child is moved to a level which requires them to have 1:1 lessons from a tutor you will be given at least 9 weeks' notice before charges, at the individual rate, are applied.

- £64.50 per 9 weeks for **one instrument** where students are taught as a **small group or pair** (£258 per year)
- £125.00 per 9 weeks for **one instrument** where students are taught in an **individual lesson** (£500 per year)

Payment is due in advance of each 9-week block of lessons.

### Nine Week Tuition/Charging Blocks

- Week 3- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September to Week 11 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Week 12- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Week 20 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Week 21- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February to Week 30 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Week 30 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Week 38 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- No tuition in week 1/2/39/40

Payment for the first nine weeks tuition starting w/c 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 will be due by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. If payment is not received the school reserve the right to cancel your child's tuition in 2021-22.



## Discontinuation Policy

Owing to the contractual obligations with our Peripatetic music teachers, the notice period for termination of lessons is 9 school-weeks. Notice must be given in writing to [finance@beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:finance@beaufort.hants.sch.uk). The 9 weeks will run from the week in which we receive written confirmation of termination.

## Attendance

Lessons take place throughout the school day, including ACADEMIC LESSONS & SPORT. A rota system ensures that pupils do not miss the same class lesson more than twice per half term. Please DO NOT request to have lessons at a fixed time. Pupils must take their planners to all music lessons.

## Missed Lessons

As a courtesy to your teacher, please notify the Music Department in advance of any absence. However, this does not exempt the student from payment for the missed lesson. Students are charged for all lessons including those missed through student absence including school events and trips. Teachers are **not** obliged to re-schedule a lesson as a result of student absences.

Lessons missed by the teacher will be made up if at all possible, however if this is not possible then a credit will be placed on the students music account for the missed lesson at the end of the 9 week block.

It should be noted that the Head of Music may stop a course of lessons if attendance is in any way unsatisfactory.

It is the pupil's responsibility to note weekly lesson times, which are published in advance.

While changes to the lesson times can sometimes be accommodated given reasonable notice by the pupil to the music staff, refunds will not be given for absented lessons.

## Insurance

Parents are asked to ensure that personally owned instruments are covered by their own insurance policy. The Henry Beaufort School accepts no responsibility for instruments left on school premises.

## Correspondence

Please address all correspondence concerning the logistics of instrumental lessons, notice to commence or terminate tuition and other matters to [finance@beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:finance@beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

## Practice

Learning to play an instrument or to sing is a hugely rewarding thing to do and can give years of enjoyment. It is vital that regular daily practice is done to fully appreciate the benefits. We recommend a "little and often" approach. As a young person progresses and becomes a more accomplished musician, practice time needs to increase accordingly. Extra-curricular music activities take place every week and students are encouraged to attend at least one, these include the Resonate Choir, Chamber Choir, Brass Ensemble and Orchestra.