

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 pairs/small groups, 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 miss the same lesson more than twice per half term.

Instruments

The school is only able to loan instruments to students to use in their lessons for drums, piano, guitar and bass guitar. You will therefore need to provide your child with the appropriate instrument before lessons start. Please note that any student wishing to have piano lessons at school requires a piano/keyboard at home.

Charges for Tuition (as from September 2024)

The total number of weeks you will be charged is 36. This takes into account the actual weeks that lessons can take place. You may pay for the whole year upfront or pay in advance in blocks of 9 weeks as laid out below. To secure your child's place, we will require the first payment by Friday 9th September 2024.

Lessons are available in pairs/small groups or 1:1 with a tutor. If your preference is for paired/small group lessons 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 i.e. the fee for individual lessons will be charged.

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 lesson from a tutor you will be given at least 9 weeks' notice before charges, at the individual rate, are applied.

£68 per 9 week block for **one instrument** where students are taught as a **small group/pair** (£272 per year)

£135.00 per 9 weeks block for **one instrument** where students are taught in an **individual lesson** (£540 per year)***Payment is due in advance of each 9-week block of lessons***

Nine Week Tuition/Charging Blocks:

1. Starts WEEK 3: Mon 16th Sept - Frid 22nd Nov 2024 – **payment due by Friday 9th Sept 2024**
2. Starts WEEK 12: Mon 25th Nov - Fri 7th Feb 2025 –**payment due by Friday 8th Oct 2024**
3. Starts WEEK 21: Monday 10th February - Friday 2nd May 2025 (year 11 students will stop at the end of this block) - **payment due by Friday 31st Jan 2025**
4. Starts WEEK 30: Monday 5th May - Friday 11th July 2025 - **payment due Friday 25th April 2025**

PLEASE NOTE – there will be no tuition in week 1/2/39/40

Payment for the first nine weeks tuition starting w/c 16th September 2024 will be due by Friday 9th September 2024. If payment is not received the school reserves the right to cancel your child's tuition in 2024-25. Parents will be liable for any tuition cost incurred during this time.

Arbor Payments

Music tuition fees are added as an annual charge in Arbor. The invoice may not reflect when charges are due but rather when it was added to Arbor. Please note payments can still be made without an invoice being raised.

Payments should be made to reflect the following schedule per instrument. (Years 7 -10 only). **Year 11 students will stop music tuition at the end of block 3 to allow sole focus on GCSE exams. Full payment is due by Friday 31st Jan 2025**

After 9 th September 2024	Individual lessons	Payment should reflect as £405 outstanding
	Paired lessons	Payment should reflect as £204 outstanding
After 8 th October 2024	Individual lessons	Payment should reflect as £270 outstanding
	Paired lessons	Payment should reflect as £136 outstanding
After 31 st January 2025	Individual lessons	Payment should reflect as £135 outstanding
	Paired lessons	Payment should reflect as £68.00 outstanding
After 25 th April 2025	Individual lessons	No outstanding balance due
	Paired lessons	No outstanding balance due

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. 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 students do not miss the same class lesson more than twice per half term.

Please **DO NOT** request to have lessons at a fixed time. Students 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 student's 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 student'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 student to the music staff, refunds will not be given for non-attended 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 – ***please do not leave instruments at school overnight***. Students must take instruments home to practice.

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

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 they include Resonate Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, Brass Ensemble and Orchestra.

We ask all our wonderful musicians to ***commit to taking part in at least one weekly after school music activity*** so that the department can continue to thrive and enjoy providing music making opportunities for our students.