

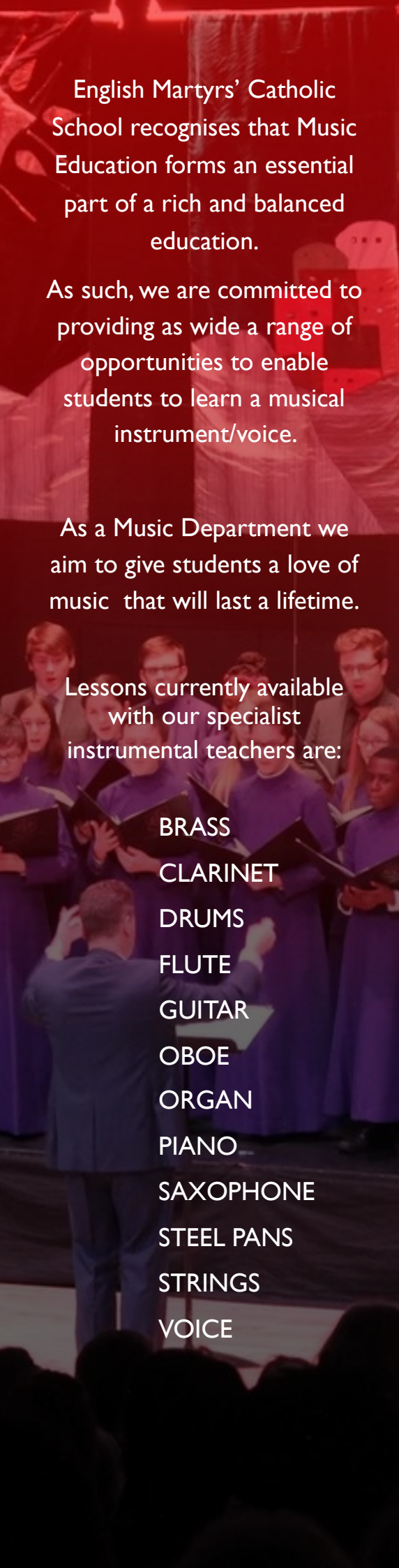


English Martyrs' Catholic School



Instrumental and Vocal Music Tuition 2020/21

Director of Music: Mrs Asha Bishop



English Martyrs' Catholic School recognises that Music Education forms an essential part of a rich and balanced education.

As such, we are committed to providing as wide a range of opportunities to enable students to learn a musical instrument/voice.

As a Music Department we aim to give students a love of music that will last a lifetime.

Lessons currently available with our specialist instrumental teachers are:

BRASS

CLARINET

DRUMS

FLUTE

GUITAR

OBOE

ORGAN

PIANO

SAXOPHONE

STEEL PANS

STRINGS

VOICE

How will learning to play an instrument help my child?

As a school, we recognise the positive impact that the challenge and discipline of music and instrumental tuition can have on a student's school life.

We also recognise the distinct contribution of music to the Catholic liturgy and our responsibility as a school to provide liturgical education to enable students to participate in the liturgical ministry of music.

The school is committed to ensuring that students may have the opportunity to progress from beginner to Grade 8 where this is practical.

The school is committed to ensuring appropriate musical ensembles/choirs as an integral part of the learning experience.

Lesson Times

Part of a musician's development is learning about self-management and responsibility:

How does it work?

- Lesson times will be displayed outside the instrumental teaching rooms in the St Cecilia Performing Arts Centre.
- It is the student's responsibility to check the board each week for any changes or new information.
- Any lessons missed through student absence, including school trips, illness or failure to attend the lesson, will be forfeited.
- Students who have either public or whole year examinations should inform their instrumental teacher, or the Director of Music, at least a week in advance so that the lesson can be rescheduled at a different time on the same day. No music lessons are to be missed for any in-class tests. Teachers will make arrangements for tests to be completed at another suitable time.
- It is the student's responsibility to inform their instrumental teacher and Director of Music in advance of any planned absences.

What is expected of music students?

Learning a musical instrument involves strong commitment and discipline. Daily, home practise is essential, and the only way to make progress on an instrument.

A practice diary, including home/teacher communications, will be given to all learners and this should be completed and checked by parents each week. Students and parents will also receive a report.

Due to high demand, if your child misses 3 lessons (without prior notice), their place will be offered to another student.

Performances and exams

- Instrumental and vocal students will take part in one of the school's extra-curricular groups and have the opportunity to perform in our popular concerts and shows. They will also take part in liturgical occasions throughout the year. This is compulsory.
- Your child's instrumental and vocal teacher will make a recommendation to the Director of Music should they be ready to take a formal ABRSM or Trinity Exam.

How much does it cost?

Lessons are on an individual basis.

30 minute individual lessons – £17 per lesson

Steel Pans lessons (in a group) - £2 per lesson

Financial support may be available to you if you are in receipt of free school meals, pupil premium, or certain other benefits.

In some cases, students may be able to borrow an instrument, free of charge.

Bursaries

Students studying GCSE & A Level Music will be eligible for FREE instrumental/vocal lessons according to the following criteria:

They attend 95% of their instrumental/vocal lessons

They attend 95% of extra-curricular rehearsals. The group will be dependant on the instrument played.

Attendance registers will be reviewed each term to assess if a student is eligible for free lessons. If attendance does not meet the given criteria, then lessons will need to be paid for.

Payment and tuition contract

There are three blocks of tuition: Autumn, Spring and Summer. They can each be paid for in full, or in two equal payments using our online payment system or by cheque (payable to English Martyrs' School).

Tuition will commence at the start of a new term, and cancellations will take effect at the end of term following receipt of written notice by the dates specified in the following table.

	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
New tuition sign-up deadline	15th September 2020	20th November 2020	12th March 2021
Payment deadline	4th September 2020	4th December 2020	26th March 2021
Lessons commence	7th September 2020 (12 lessons)	11th January 2021 (10 lessons)	12th April 2021 (10 lessons)
Cancellation deadline	4th December 2020	26th March 2021	

Cancellation

Should you wish to cancel lessons, notification must be received by the deadlines stated above.

Example:

- If you sign up for lessons in September, your lessons are unlikely to begin until January 2021
- If you cancel your lessons in February 2021, your lessons will finish at the end of the Spring Term
- If you haven't paid for the term's lessons by the payment deadline, then lessons will be cancelled

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'May they all be one'





Vocal and Instrumental Lesson Application Form 2020/2021

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THE
ATTENTION OF MRS BISHOP, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

I wish **(please insert student's name)**: _____ Form: _____

to have **(please insert name of instrument/voice)**: _____ lessons.

Current teacher **(if applicable)**: _____

Grade **(if applicable)**: _____

LESSONS ARE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE, FOR THE WHOLE TERM (or in 2 instalments)

Cost per individual instrument/voice lesson is **£17**. Cost per Steel Pans lessons is **£2**.

Please tick the following options as appropriate:

Individual instrumental/vocal lessons (30 minutes) ☐

Steel pans lessons ☐

You will be invoiced by the finance office during the period indicated on the instrumental music tuition booklet.
Payment for lessons is due in advance.

Once lessons commence, I agree that:

- Lessons cannot be rescheduled or refunded if they are missed and no prior warning is given.
- Terms set out in the attached music tuition booklet will be adhered to.
- The school cannot take responsibility for any privately owned or hired instruments in respect or damage or theft on school premises.
- The school has the right to stop lessons where invoices are not paid promptly.
- The set notice must be given if I wish to cease lessons.
- I will encourage daily practice (lessons may be terminated if regular practice is not undertaken).
- Students will attend the relevant extra-curricular ensemble specified by the Director of Music.

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____