



Music Tuition

Private Music Tuition

Around 280 students receive private music lessons at school. Tuition is provided by a team of highly qualified and experienced teachers in these areas:

- Piano (students must have their own piano)
- Violin, Viola and 'Cello
- Flute, Oboe, Clarinet and Saxophone (some instruments may have a waiting list)
- Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba
- Voice
- Classical or Rock Guitar (students must have their own guitar)
- Percussion (Drum Kit with Orchestral Percussion)
- Music Theory

Applying for Tuition

If you would like music lessons from the Private Music Tuition Scheme at TGS for your child, you should apply using the online application form found [here](#) in the Parent section within the Music Department Forms and Information. You will be sent confirmation that tuition is available once a teacher has been allocated.

Charging for Lessons 2025-6

Individual instrument or singing lessons:	£220.00 per 10 X 30 min lessons
Music Theory lessons:	£155.00 per 10 X 20 min lesson

Additional Information

It should be stressed that there are likely to be waiting lists for some instruments, particularly voice and guitar. We hope to accommodate the majority of requests, but we ask for your patience and understanding where this is not possible.

Notice periods

New students are expected to complete at least one full term of lessons before considering withdrawal. If you wish to discontinue lessons, written notice must be given to the teacher and to Mr Hayward, Subject Leader Music, by the October half-term holiday for lessons to cease in December, February half-term holiday to cease at Easter, and May half-term holiday to cease in July. Notice received after these cut off dates will result in a further 10 block of lessons, which are payable whether or not the student attends the further lessons.

Extra-curricular music

Enrichment activities are open to all students. There are groups for all abilities from Orchestras to Choirs and student-run clubs for all singers and instrumentalists. It is not a prerequisite to have instrumental lessons in school in order to take part, although we do expect those who receive private music tuition at school to support the music activities on offer.

Yearly Hire Charges for TGS School Musical Instruments (Subject to availability)

Please note that hire fees are non-refundable

Saxophone	£150.00
Clarinet/Flute	£110.00
Violin/Viola	£110.00
Bassoon	£150.00
'Cello	£130.00
Oboe	£130.00
Trumpet	£110.00
Trombone/French Horn	£130.00

Private Music Tuition at TGS - Frequently Asked Questions

- **How does payment for Private Music lessons work at TGS?** Private Music Teachers are self-employed and they bill parents directly for each block of 10 lessons.
- **Do students miss lessons?** Yes, students come out of lessons for a 30-minute time-slot each week. Lessons rotate so that students miss a different subject each week.
- **Once I have applied for Private Music lessons, how do I know if I have been allocated a teacher?** You will be contacted by the School to confirm the name of your teacher and the type of lessons. If no place is currently available, you will be told that you have a place on the waiting list and will be contacted as soon as a place becomes available.
- **Do you run ABRSM Examinations?** Yes, we host examinations twice a year at school. Applications and payment is completed online.
- **How do students know where and when to go to their music lessons?** In the first week of term we have a meeting for all Year 7 students taking music lessons and explain where lessons take place and how to check the times of lessons.
- **Are TGS music teachers part of Kent Music?** We are not part of Kent Music. TGS has built up our own team of private teachers whom we select carefully ourselves. Some also work for Kent Music.
- **How do I communicate with my child's teacher?** There is a school email account that can be used for correspondence.

Please contact Mr Hayward, Subject Leader Music, if you have any questions: office@tgs.kent.sch.uk