

QEGS music department: Instrumental & vocal tuition 2020-21

We have a busy and vibrant music department offering individual and shared lessons in addition to curriculum music on the following instruments:

Violin, viola, cello, double bass

Trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon

Electric guitar, bass guitar, drum kit

Piano, singing

With the exception of piano, our peripatetic team is made up of teachers from the Lincolnshire Music Service, with whom we are a partner school.

Tuition is charged on a termly basis and parents must pay promptly. Invoices are emailed home in the first few weeks of each term (September/January/March) and payment is made through ParentPay. Lincolnshire Music Service are planning on piloting direct billing as a new system for September 2020; if QEGS becomes part of this, we will let you know.

Instrumental tuition fees 2020/21

30 minute lesson - £18.40, which is £214.67 per term (3 terms per academic year)

20 minute lesson - £12.27, which is £143.11 per term (3 terms per academic year)

Wind and string instruments can be hired from Lincolnshire Music Service for approximately £17.50 per term.

If your child attracts Pupil Premium funding you may request some financial assistance with your tuition fees. You can do this by writing to Mrs Divers, Deputy Headteacher.

Lessons take place during normal school hours on a rota basis to avoid students missing the same lesson each week. A great deal of commitment is required and students and parents are asked to think carefully before applying. It is not advisable to have lessons in school as well as from a private teacher on the same instrument – conflicting styles of teaching are very confusing!

In addition to peripatetic lessons, QEGS hosts the ABRSM exams, provides a piano accompanist for exams including rehearsals, and there are aural test books in the library for students to borrow to help with exam preparation. We also support students in preparation for grade 5 theory.

Additional information regarding Covid-19

Due to Covid-19 many of the arrangements and details for September 2020 cannot be finalised at the moment, as you will appreciate.

Lincolnshire Music Service have worked hard this term to provide online instrumental tuition through Digiteach. It is likely that tuition in the near future will be a blended approach,

combining online teaching with occasional face to face teaching, although there is no government guidance for the latter as yet.

When decisions have been made on how instrumental and vocal tuition will be provided at QEGS in the academic year 2020-21 parents will be informed. If parents then choose to opt out, there will be opportunity to do so.

How to book lessons

To book instrumental lessons for September 2020, please write to or email Mrs Addis (saddisv@qegs.lincs.sch.uk) before the summer holidays. It is possible to request tuition at the start of the new academic year but spaces cannot be guaranteed at that point. Please include the following information: student name, student form (if known), instrument, current standard (or beginner), information about current teacher if applicable, whether you would need an instrument providing or not.

By requesting lessons, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of instrumental tuition including the cancellation policy.

Instrumental tuition cancellation policy

We are required to book music tuition with the Lincolnshire Music Service in advance to secure tutors. The booking will commit the school to payment for these services and therefore we are restricted to specific timeframes when tuition can be cancelled. At the moment, cancellation dates have not been confirmed but as soon as they have, those receiving tuition will be told. 6 weeks' notice (one term) is the usual expectation.

To enable us to address any cancellations promptly, please make sure that cancellation notice letters are emailed to Mrs Addis (saddisv@qegs.lincs.sch.uk).

Learning an instrument is extremely enjoyable and high rewarding. Students develop many useful life skills as well as specific music skills and techniques. The music department is fully supported by all QEGS staff and is a busy and exciting place to be, viewing all music styles, instruments and abilities equally. We currently have 91 students having instrumental lessons in school and a large proportion of students have instrumental lessons with teachers out of school too.

We hope you will strongly consider having instrumental tuition, the short and long term benefits are immense.

If you would like any more information, or have any queries regarding instrumental tuition or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs V. Addis

Arts Faculty Leader & Subject Leader for Music