

Toynbee School



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Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to be able to offer a full range of instrumental and vocal tuition as part of our extra-curricular programme here at Toynbee Music Department and would love to encourage your child to either start or continue instrumental or vocal lessons as they provide an excellent form of extra-curricular enhancement and a huge boost to individual wellbeing and self-esteem.

Instruments currently on offer are flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, violin, cello, drums, guitar, bass, singing, piano and keyboard and we also now offer lessons in Music Production in which pupils learn composition, production and DJing skills. However, if you are interested in your child playing (or continuing to play) a different instrument that is not listed here do please get in touch with Mrs Leyman (Head of Music) at g.leyman@toynbee.hants.sch.uk so we can explore what might be available for you.

Lessons take place once a week during the school day and are on rotational timetables to avoid regularly missing the same lesson wherever possible. Lessons are provided by a mixture of visiting Hampshire Music Service staff and fully vetted private instrumental teachers and are usually offered on an individual basis in 20-minute slots. There is occasionally some limited availability of shared lessons (20 minutes shared between two pupils) to reduce the cost of lessons, but this is dependent on numbers so will only be offered on an individual basis in consultation with parents.

Standard 20 minute individual lessons will be charged at £120 per term from September 2025, which is payable in advance on Arbor at the start of term. Lessons for pupils studying GCSE music at Toynbee are offered at the reduced rate of £80 per term to help support their studies.

We ask for at least half a term's notice if your child wishes to stop lessons to allow time to find a replacement as we are committed to pay for the time requested from teachers each term. We would also like to make clear that attending lessons is your child's responsibility and we are not able to offer refunds for lessons which your child has failed to attend. At the start of each term, each child having lessons will be given their own copy of the timetable and timetables are always displayed on the board outside MU1 in case children need to check their lesson time during the day. Unfortunately, we are not able to send staff to collect your child for their lesson as this is not logistically feasible in a secondary school setting, so wearing a watch would be encouraged so your child is able to keep track of the time during the day as they will not be allowed to use their phone. Class teachers will be aware that your child has instrumental lessons and will release them from class to attend when asked.

If you would like your child to have instrumental/vocal/music production lessons starting from September, please complete the form in [This link](#) by no later than Friday 4th July. Lessons will be filled on a first come first served basis. You will be notified in the first week of term in September if we are able to offer your child a space and if we are unable to fit them in immediately, we will add them to the waiting list and contact you to see if you still require lessons as soon as a space becomes available.