



# The English School Instrumental Programme



We have a heritage of outstanding music at The English School. Almost a third of our students play a musical instrument and many gain Grade 8 ABRSM or take Rockschooll and other recognised music exams.

Technical brilliance is only part of the picture because music is about playing together, exploration and performance. Every week we rehearse different ensembles and we love to share our music. Our students are given every opportunity to perform at school, in the local community and on our international music tours. Recent tours have included Scotland (2017), Buda-pest, Hungary (2015) and Vienna (2019)

## The Benefits of Music & Learning an Instrument

- **Improves neural activity**
- **Music builds intellectual curiosity**
- **Fine-tunes auditory skills**
- **Develops creative thinking**
- **Increases coordination**
- **Pupils stay engaged in schools**
- **Emotional development**
- **Provides a unique way of self-teaching discipline**
- **Improves efforts in other academic areas**
- **Cultural empathy**

## Guidance for parents / guardians

Students should be fully involved in the choice of instrument and in the decision to take instrumental lessons; a commitment is required from the student as well as the parent / guardian.

Students should be encouraged to play at home and prepare for each lesson. A quiet place and a regular routine are key.

If students have interrupted their music tuition due to the pressure of other exams, they can start again. Playing an instrument can relieve stress and develop other skills. Many of our highest achieving students play an instrument.

Instruments can be purchased locally on a rent-with-option-to-buy scheme. Ask your teacher for details.

**Our experienced music staff are happy to advise you on an individual basis regarding instrumental music and all music studies. Just make an appointment!**

## Orchestral instrument scholarships

We offer a limited number of instrumental scholarships to students in year 1 or 2 for orchestral instruments. The scholarship comprises a 30- or 45-minute lesson per week and the loan of a school instrument (where available). These orchestral scholarships are awarded after a demonstration to all students and a detailed selection process. Students who receive a scholarship are required to play in an ensemble and are evaluated twice a year.

Orchestral instrumental scholarships are available in the following instruments:  
(numbers of scholarships vary according to availability)

**Strings:**  
Violin  
Viola  
Cello  
Double Bass

**Woodwind:**  
Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet  
Saxophone  
Bassoon

**Brass:**  
Trumpet  
Trombone  
French Horn  
Euphonium

*Christmas Concert  
2017*



## Paid music lessons

Lessons are offered for all instruments and are available to students of all year groups. As well as the orchestral instruments listed previously, lessons are offered for:

- **piano**
- **classical/ acoustic guitar**
- **electric bass**
- **drums**
- **voice**

In addition, specialist tuition in jazz and rock styles is also offered.



## Music Instrumental Programme Standards and Commitments

### Lessons

Lessons can be 45 minutes or 1 hour depending on instrument, age of student and level, after consultation with the teacher.

**Lesson times are arranged from 1:30 pm after school to fit in with other activities on a first-come-first-served basis. The lesson time is fixed for the school year.**

Lessons take place on school premises and are under the guidance of the music department.

### Commitment

Students will commit to lessons for one academic year. Lessons will continue unless notice in writing is given by the end of the Easter term.

**Lesson times are fixed and may not be re-arranged. Only lessons due to sickness will be re-scheduled without cost. Teachers should be notified of absence due to sickness directly, and no later than 9:00 am on the morning of the lesson.**

Payment should be made on line, in advance, in 3 installments. No refunds will be given.





The English School is an ABRSM centre and we enter students for practical and theory exams in all sessions.

Students can take their practical exam at school.

Accompanying and aural training lessons are offered for exams on a paid basis.

Exams are optional and taken in consultation with the teacher.

## Group lessons in theory of music

Lessons are offered for theory of music at the following levels:

**0 - Grade 5**                      **No experience required**

**Grade 6, 7 or 8**                **A pass in Grade 5**

**A pass in Theory of Music Grade 5 is a requirement for Grade 6 practical**

Please use the sign-up form to register and pay for theory lessons. Lesson times are arranged depending on the availability of the students.



## Contact us

The English School is committed to student well-being and child protection; all our teachers are police checked and trained in current safeguarding practice.

We prepare students for professional and tertiary college auditions, entry to the Cyprus State Youth Orchestra and National Guard Army Band.

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