

## Music lessons at Fullbrook 2021/2022



### Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you as the parent or carer of a student who has shown an interest in learning to play an instrument, or take part in an ensemble, here at Fullbrook.

### One-on-One Tuition

We offer tuition on a range of musical instruments and are fortunate to have a number of very skilled instrumental teachers here on a weekly basis. Music lessons mostly take place during the school day and are timetabled so that pupils need not miss the same lesson every week.

All lessons are 30 minutes long and priced at £15 per lesson. Lessons are paid for in advance; either in blocks of ten, or in complete half terms (depending on the availability of the individual teacher). Students are expected to catch up on any class work missed.

All applications should be returned to Mr Johnson in the Music department, either in hard copy or by completing the online form here: [Fullbrook Instrument Lessons Form](#).

### Ensembles

All students, no matter what level, will be able to find an ensemble that they can take part in. This is a great way to develop musical skills, meet new friends, and perform at one of our many school concerts and community events.

The prospect of joining an ensemble can be daunting at first and we would encourage any student who is feeling unsure to come and speak to a member of music department staff. We can arrange for students to 'sit-in' on a rehearsal, without taking part, so they can get a real feel for what it's like to join the group.

Each year all our ensembles take part in our week long European tour. We perform three concerts at a range of locations across Europe.

I hope you find this booklet useful but should you have any further questions please feel free to e-mail [music@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:music@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk).

Sincerely  
Mr Johnson  
Head of Music



## Instrumental Tutors

<p><b>Mr C Ford</b>  <b>Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba)</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Monday          Scholarships available: Yes</p>	<p><b>Miss B Miles</b>  <b>Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone)</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Tuesday          Scholarships available: Yes</p>
<p><b>Mr R Stafford</b>  <b>Piano and Keyboard</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Wednesday and Friday          Scholarships available: No</p>	<p><b>Miss S Bedford</b>  <b>Vocals</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Wednesday          Scholarships available: No</p>
<p><b>Mr R Hughes</b>  <b>Guitar (Acoustic, Electric, Classical) and Bass Guitar</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Wednesday          Scholarships available: No</p>	<p><b>Mr D Way</b>  <b>Strings (Violin, Viola)</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Wednesday          Scholarships available: Yes</p>
<p><b>Mrs S Nagle</b>  <b>Strings (Violin, Viola)</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Thursday          Scholarships available: Yes</p>	<p><b>Mr V Godfrey</b>  <b>Woodwind (Saxophone and Clarinet)</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Thursday and Friday          Scholarships available: Yes</p>
<p><b>Mrs I Meaker</b>  <b>Piano and Keyboard</b></p> <p>Teaching day: Friday          Scholarships available: No</p>	

## Brass, String & Woodwind Scholarship Scheme

Our new intake of Year 7 students are invited to apply for one of 33 brass, woodwind or string scholarships. Applications will be accepted from students who currently play an instrument, have played in the past or those who are keen to begin learning.

Each successful applicant will receive a weekly 30 minute lesson from one of our specialist tutors, and the scholarship will run for one academic year. All students are expected to join a suitable ensemble for weekly rehearsals.

The following scholarships are available:

String	Brass	Woodwind
Violin	Cornet	Saxophone
Viola	Trumpet	Clarinet
Cello	Trombone	Flute
	Euphonium	
	Horn	
	Tuba	

As you can understand, it is a big commitment both for the school and the pupils in terms of time and money, and with limited places it is important that students understand and accept the following conditions of the scholarship:

- The scholarship will run for one academic year beginning in September.
- All students receiving a scholarship must attend all lessons (unless they have a valid reason) and practice at home regularly each week. Lateness, continued non-attendance or failure to meet expected progress targets may result in the scholarship being terminated.
- Students and parents are responsible for buying the necessary music for their lessons and for getting to and from the lessons should they be out of school hours.
- Students and parents are responsible for sourcing their own instrument. We have an excellent relationship with Britten's music store in New Haw who have a very good hire scheme.
- Students are expected to rehearse with a suitable ensemble to develop their performing skills, and perform in all concerts.
- After the first year, it is hoped that students will continue their study, moving on to finance their own tuition with their tutor at Fullbrook. However students are invited to apply again in the case of financial hardship.

If you are interested please complete the application form at the back of this booklet and return to the school for the attention of Mr Johnson, **or** complete the online form here:

[Fullbrook Instrument Lessons Form.](#)

## Music Department Extra Curricular Clubs

All students who take additional tuition are encouraged to take part in one or more of our ensembles to support their learning. They are a great way to develop skills, meet new friends, and take part in school concerts and public performances.

DAY	CLUB	TIME	STAFF	ROOM	INFO
<b>Monday</b>	Concert Band	8:00-8:30am	Mr Johnson	E16	Brass, Woodwind & Percussion Instruments. Open to any musician grade 2 and above
	Jazz Band	3:10-3:45pm	Mr Johnson	E12	All instruments and abilities welcome
<b>Tuesday</b>	Music Theory	8:00-8:30am	Mr Johnson	E10	Drop in with any queries or come and work through theory grades
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir	3:05-3:45pm	Miss Bedford	E12	Open to all who want to sing
<b>Thursday</b>	String Group	3:05-3:45pm	Mrs Nagle	E12	All violin, viola and cello players welcome
	Ukulele Group	3:10-3:45pm	Student run	E10	All students welcome no matter what age or experience. Ukuleles are provided
<b>Friday</b>	Concert Band	8:00-8:30am	Mr Johnson	E16	Brass, Woodwind & Percussion Instruments. Open to any musician grade 2 and above

\*Grades shown are suggested levels – you do **NOT** need to have taken the examination. If in doubt come and speak with Mr Johnson.

# Instrument Hire, Purchase, & Insurance

## Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme

The HMRC Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS) applies to pupils in full-time state education who receive musical tuition at school, or in a local authority orchestra, as part of their curriculum. It enables them to purchase new instruments through the local authority without paying VAT. As an Academy, Fullbrook is able to facilitate the purchase of instruments on the scheme for its students. Full details of the scheme can be found at [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk).

For more information, or to arrange a purchase through the scheme, please contact the Music Department.

## Hire

For many students who have just started learning an instrument hiring is the best option. The school does have a number of instruments available for students to borrow, but they are on a first come first serve basis, with a focus on Year 7 scholarship students.

Fullbrook has formed excellent links with Britten's Music in New Haw in recent years. Their hire scheme allows students and parents to hire an instrument for a fixed term (often 6 months), and should they choose to continue learning after that point use the money spent to date on hire fees against the purchase of the instrument outright. Visit [www.brittenmusic.co.uk](http://www.brittenmusic.co.uk) for an up to date rental price list.



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## Insurance

While most lower cost instruments are often covered under your home insurance policy, there are often limitations on the value of the instrument, or the conditions of its use. Few home insurance policies cover any instruments for use abroad (on tour for example). It is therefore strongly recommended you check whether instruments are covered.

## Instrument/Vocal Tuition Reply Slip

If you would like to proceed with arranging for your child to take tuition in one of the instruments listed please complete the form below and return it to the music dept. FAO Mr Johnson, or complete the online form here: [Fullbrook Instrument Lessons Form](#).

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument I would like lessons on: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### The small print:

- Lessons are £15 per 30 minutes, and payable in advance (either in blocks or ten or per half term by arrangement with the tutor).
- One full half-term's notice must be given if wishing to cease tuition. If suitable notice is not given you may be liable for one half term's tuition costs.
- Students are responsible for remembering their lessons and checking the timetable on the music noticeboard.
- Should your child miss a lesson as a result of illness, forgetfulness or other reasons beyond the tutor's control you will be liable for the cost of those lessons.
- In the case of off-site educational visits, providing 2 weeks' notice is given, the tutors will try their best to either re-arrange lessons or organise a double length lesson to make up lost time
  - Tutors will contact parents via text message or e-mail should a student miss a lesson unexpectedly.
- Should the tutor be absent for whatever reason, or if the school is closed unexpectedly, you will not be liable for the cost of the lesson.
- All our instrumental tutors are self-employed and as such students wishing to take short term leaves of absence from their instrumental studies (for example during exam season) will still be required to pay for lessons missed.

### Data protection.

Please tick here to allow us to pass the information supplied to the relevant instrument teacher who will retain and use your personal information solely to contact you regarding tuition.

I have read and accept the terms detailed above \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed Parent/Carer)

**Music Department Scholarship Application**  
 Online form available here: [Fullbrook Instrument Lessons Form](#)

Name of pupil			
Tutor Group/Start Date at Fullbrook			
Address			
Postcode			
Telephone No.			
Parent E-mail			
Please indicate preferred instrument family. There are limited spaces for each instrument. Specific instruments may be assigned to students following an initial assessment by their instrumental tutor	<input type="checkbox"/> Brass Cornet Euphonium Horn Trumpet Trombone Tuba	<input type="checkbox"/> Strings Cello Viola Violin	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodwind Clarinet Flute Saxophone
Please list any musical activities that you have taken part in, both in and out of school			
Have you played an instrument before? If so, please list which instrument(s) and grade(s) achieved			
Are you currently having any instrumental lessons?			
DECLARATION Signed: .....(pupil)                      .....(parent/guardian) Date.....			

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