

Applying for Music Tuition

Complete the enclosed application form and return to **Mr Walden** or another teacher in the **Music Department**.

Once we have processed your application we will contact you and advise you of the start date of the lessons. If there are no available spaces, pupils will be placed on a waiting list and you will be advised to this effect.

Pupil Progress

A commitment to regular practice is essential in order to make steady progress, and pupils are encouraged to join an ensemble in school. Severn Arts provide every child with a student yearbook which, if taken to each lesson, can be used to track pupil progress and allow for teacher/parent communication.

A detailed annual report on your child's progress is also provided. This is generally issued at the end of the summer term.

In addition, our teachers are always happy to discuss your child's development or any special requirements. Please contact the school office and the teacher will be asked to contact you.

Contact Details

Mr Keith Walden (Head of Performing Arts)

Email: kw@pershore.worcs.sch.uk

PERSHORE HIGH SCHOOL

**INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL
MUSIC TUITION**

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



**2017-18
Terms and Conditions**

Instruments Available

Lessons are delivered by visiting teachers from Severn Arts and also some private individuals. Lessons are available for vocal coaching and the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, double bass, cornet, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tenor horn, flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, electric guitar, classical guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, piano and drums.

If you are interested in an instrument that is not listed please contact school and we will make further enquiries.

Instrument Hire

Severn Arts offer an instrument hire service to pupils who are having regular lessons. They do not hire bass guitars, keyboards or drums. Arrangements for the hire of an instrument are made directly with Severn Arts by completing an application form which is available on their website (<https://www.severnarts.org.uk>)

Lessons

The school offers group and individual lessons. Group lessons are usually taught in groups of 2-4 pupils. Lessons last **20 minutes** and are delivered during the school day. On request, we can also offer 30 minute individual lessons. Where the number of pupils taking lessons is sufficient, the timing of the music lesson will rotate to ensure that the same school lesson is not affected each week. Priority for lesson scheduling is given to KS5, then KS4 then KS3 pupils.

Severn Arts aims to deliver 33 lessons throughout the year. The number of lessons per term varies.

Severn Arts sets the calendar to enable “catch up” weeks to take place where a teacher has cancelled a lesson.

Tuition Fees: The Costs of Music Tuition

Group 20-minute lesson = £6.25. (Invoiced as £68.75 per term).

Individual 20-minute lesson = £12.50. (Invoiced as £137.50 per term).

Individual 30-minute lesson = £18.75. (Invoiced as £205.75 per term).

Invoices are issued outlining payment costs and details. All payments must be made via our online payment system ParentPay. This can be accessed through the school website or clicking on the following link:

<https://www.parentpay.com>.

Email finance@pershire.worcs.sch.uk if you require further information.

Drums, brass, clarinet and saxophone teaching is provided by staff outside of Severn Arts. Fees for these lessons are charged at a different rate (Severn Arts or lower). You will be asked to pay directly to the teacher if learning these instruments. Payments must to be made within 30 days of issue of the bill to ensure tuition continues uninterrupted.

Credits/Refunds

Refunds are not available for pupil absence or for when a pupil fails to notify Mr Walden *in advance* of a commitment that will cause them to miss a lesson. The exceptions to this are where absence relates to an exam or trip *where the lesson cannot be re-arranged*. If it has not been possible to provide the 33 lessons in the year a refund will be given. Severn Arts leave space in the calendar at the end of the summer term to undertake “catch up” lessons. It will not be clear until the end of the summer term as to whether a refund is due.

Notice to Cancel Lessons

We require a **complete half term’s** notice if you wish to end music lessons. Notice **MUST** be given **in writing** and sent to **Mr Walden**. This is because lessons are scheduled with teachers in advance; Severn Arts set our fees for the teachers’ time on an annual basis. **Failure to give the correct written notice will mean that the next half term’s fees become payable.**