



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to either make you aware of the instrumental lessons we have on offer, or to have confirmation that your son/daughter is still wanting to continue taking lessons in the coming academic year. Instrumental lessons are an excellent opportunity for your son/daughter to become an active member of our outstanding music department at Painsley. We offer lessons on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, voice, all brass instruments, piano, violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, ukulele and drum kit.

Students will receive a minimum of 34 lessons during the academic year. All Painsley students will be able to start lessons w/c: Monday 6th September 2021. These lessons will be mainly in small groups which will last for 20 minutes, in certain circumstances, dependent on ability levels of the students, lessons will be individual (all piano and drum kit lesson will be one to one for 15 minutes). Timetables will be displayed in the music department and lessons will take place during the course of the day.

Lessons are to be charged at £300 for the year. This amount can be paid in full by cheque or the first payment of £50 by cheque, with 5 subsequent payments of £50 paid by standing order on the first of every month. The price for GCSE and A Level music students is further subsidised at a cost of £250 for the year, payable in full by cheque or the first payment of £50 by cheque, with 4 subsequent payments of £50.

Students must bring instruments into school for their lessons; these can be locked in Practice Room 5 or placed in their lockers. We request that all instruments are labelled and are in locked cases whilst in storage and the College will not take responsibility for any accidental damage which takes place - I advise you to check with your house insurance about coverage.

Instruments can be purchased through the college VAT free if your child is receiving lessons. If you require more details about this scheme please contact the school.

As the lessons are subsidised by the school, we ask that your child supports Concert Band, String Group and/or any of the other smaller ensembles once they have reached grade 1 standard on their instrument. Concert Band is every Tuesday evening from 3.30pm until 5.00pm and String Group takes place during lunch break. Details for all extra-curricular ensembles can be found in the music department and on the website.



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If students are to make progress, regular practice is essential; I recommend 10 minutes a day as opposed to 30 minutes once a week. Your child will have a practice diary which will be filled in each week by their instrumental teacher and we ask you to sign it regularly too.

We can confirm that the price for music tuition 2021/22 is £250 or £300 per child. By completing this application you are agreeing to pay this sum in full, even if you decide to withdraw your child from music tuition at any time during the academic year 2021/22 and this is a condition of the contract with you. College finances will not allow for music tuition to have any additional subsidy by the College, which is why we are unable to provide any discount for tuition that is unused or cancelled.

If you cancel your standing order before making the final payment to the College, or you fail to pay the single payment when due, we will contact you to inform you that payment has not been made. You then have 14 days to make this payment. If, after 14 days, you have still failed to make payment to the College, the remaining full annual amount payable by you for music tuition will be due immediately i.e. £xxx less any payments you have already made.

THE COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO BRING A CLAIM AGAINST YOU TO RECOVER PAYMENT OF ANY OUTSTANDING SUMS OWED TO THE COLLEGE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

Please ensure that the [Google Form](#) is completed by Monday 5th July 2021. The standing order instruction with deposit cheque (or full payment) should be returned to the finance department by the same date. Any payments received after this date will not be guaranteed a place in September, you will be put on the waiting list and notified if a place becomes available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail: hb@painsley.staffs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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