



# Interested in taking music lessons?

Here are some FAQ.

## What are the benefits of taking music lessons?

Music has proven to improve academic skills, physical and social skills, refine discipline and patience, boost self-esteem, develop cultural awareness and above all else, it's fun!

## What instrument lessons are on offer?

We currently offer lessons in the following instruments;  
Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Oboe, Recorder, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Voice, Guitar, Drum Kit, Ukulele and Theory

## What groups and clubs are on offer?

Presdales offers numerous music groups for all instruments and abilities including; Recorder Group, Handchime Group, Ukulele Group, Bella Voce Choir, Cello Group, Orchestra, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, String Group, Concert Band, Flute Group, Music Makers and Clarinet Group

## How much time will I need to practice?

Practise regularly and often, rather than once a week for half an hour just before your lesson. The length of practice will be suggested by the teacher but 3 x 20 minutes per week is suggested to start with. When you get above Grade 5 standard, you should be looking at 30 minutes per day, 6 days a week.

## How much do lessons cost?

30 minutes weekly individual tuition = £233 per term (based on 11 lessons)\*  
20 minutes weekly individual tuition = £155 per term (based on 11 lessons)\*

## I don't own my own instrument. Does this matter?

No, but you will need an instrument to practice on. Presdales has numerous instruments on offer to loan. The cost is £30 per term. Please talk to your music teacher or email the music department for more information.

## When do the instrumental lessons happen?

If you are in Year 7-11, your lesson will be at a different time each week. 6th formers will have fixed lessons in their free periods. Timetables are completed by the instrumental teachers and are always on display on the Music notice board.

## Are there any subsidies on offer?

At present we offer a 15 minute bursary for GCSE Music students and a 30 minute bursary for A Level Students. Through the Hertfordshire Music Service, parents and carers are able to apply for help with the fees for instrumental or vocal lessons including for students eligible to receive free school meals or for students who receive other qualifying benefits or Universal Credit with annual earned income of no more £15,000.

## Do you do music exams?

We do two sessions (Spring and Summer) a year and offer both ABRSM and Trinity exams.

## Next steps...

If you wish to proceed with lessons, please fill out our online form by visiting the school website > learning > Music. We will be in touch when a space is available with one of our music teachers.

For more information please email [music@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:music@presdales.herts.sch.uk)