GRAVENEY SCHOOL

GRAVENEY MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL TUITION 2026-2027

At Graveney we recognise the value of pupils learning a musical instrument and offer high-quality tuition to support them in realising their musical potential. We have an outstanding team of peripatetic teachers, who have a wealth of professional and pedagogic experience.

We currently offer lessons for: **piano, organ, acoustic/electric/bass guitar, singing, drum kit, orchestral percussion, trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium, tuba, violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, composition, and music theory.**

****Costs**

Fees for instrumental/vocal lessons at school are £24 per 30 minute lesson (£264 for 11 lessons in the Autumn term and £240 for 10 lessons in the Spring/Summer terms). This offer represents a 10% subsidy by the school relative to the actual cost. Payment must be made in advance via ParentPay. Exam entry fees, books and accessories are charged in addition. *Additional bursaries are available (see overleaf).*

****Timetables**

Lessons usually take place on the same day each week. The 30 minute lessons rotate so that the pupil does not repeatedly miss the same academic lesson. Where possible, we aim to schedule KS4 pupils out of lesson time. KS5 pupils' lessons are timetabled in a free period. We use Involve/PracticePal software to schedule the lessons and track progress. Lesson times will be emailed to you and are also available online and via the PracticePal App.

****Missed Lessons**

If your child is unable to make a lesson, please give as much notice as possible (at least a week) so that we can try to make an alternative arrangement. Whilst we aim to give all lessons to students as much as possible, lessons cannot be made up for any reason other than teacher absence or a compulsory school exam or trip (but only where we have been told in advance).

****Stopping Lessons**

If pupils want to stop lessons at any time, parents should give 6 weeks/half a term's notice in writing to the music office. Parents will be expected to pay for lessons during the notice period.

****Practising at Home**

It is important that all pupils practise regularly. Many pupils find it helpful to have a specific time scheduled for practice, and your guidance on this will help your child to progress well. Your child's teacher will be able to help you to agree on a suitable amount of daily practice. Pupils can book space in the practice block before/after school.

****Instrument Loan**

We are able to loan most instruments to beginners or intermediate players (excluding electric guitar/bass, drums and piano) for only **£10 per term**. This covers general wear and tear but parents should ensure that instruments are covered on their home insurance policy in case of theft, loss, or significant damage. Pupil Premium pupils are exempt from instrument hire.

****Join the Waiting List**

Please complete the 'Expression of Interest' form on our website https://www.graveney.org/Music or contact Jo Pearson at jpearson@graveney.wandsworth.sch.uk

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We have an incredibly lively and enthusiastic music department, which makes an enriching contribution to the life of the school. Pupils can participate in many extra-curricular ensembles and we encourage all pupils to join a choir.

ENSEMBLES

There is something going on in the music department every day: before school, after school, at lunch and break times. Our ensembles are free, inclusive and open to all pupils.

CHOIRS	LARGE ENSEMBLES	SMALLER GROUPS
Junior Choir (Years 7 & 8)	Orchestra	Senior/Junior Guitars
Senior Choir (Years 9-13)	Senior Concert Band	Flute/Sax/Brass/Percussion
A Cappella (KS5)	Junior Concert Band	Ensembles
Chamber Choir (auditioned)	Jazz Band	Junior/Senior/Chamber Strings

We also offer bands mentoring and a KS3 music technology club.

CONCERTS

Our ensembles form the basis of the wonderful concerts we present each term.

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Year 7 Big Sing	KS4 'Have a Heart' Fundraiser	Chamber Concert 3
Junior Gala Concert	Chamber Concert 2	A Level Recitals
Senior Gala Concert	Gig Night	A Level Composers' Showcase
Senior Choir Trip	'Graveney Young Musician'	Performing Arts Week
Chamber Concert 1	Easter Concert	Summer Concert
Wandsworth Music's 'A Winter Sound'	Wandsworth Music's 'A Brighter Sound'	Junior Choir Fun Night
Carol Service		Musicians' Retreat Weekend

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships provide further opportunities for pupils who demonstrate exceptional aptitude for music. These include priority invitations to attend concerts, events and workshops with professional musicians, as well as opportunities to perform and lead musical ensembles. Scholarships are awarded both with and without bursaries based on need upon application. Music scholars are identified in Year 7 using an aptitude test and parents will be contacted if their child is identified as a suitable candidate.

BURSARIES

Pupil Premium Bursary - Years 7-11 pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding
50% subsidy on one instrument or free fortnightly lessons

Sixth Form Bursary - Year 12 and 13 students that have been identified by the school
50% subsidy on one instrument

Scholarship Bursary – Year 7, 8 (and 9 if not taking early GCSE)
50% subsidy on one instrument
Music scholars are identified and auditioned in the first term of Year 7. You will be contacted about this if your child is a suitable candidate.

GCSE Music and A Level Bridging pupils
50% subsidy on one instrument
(Pupils who are already receiving a scholarship bursary are offered the 50% subsidy on two instruments)

AS/A Level Music pupils
50% subsidy on two instruments.
First study (the instrument that is being examined) is offered as a 1 hour lesson

If there are any financial reasons why you cannot pay the full cost of lessons, please get in touch and we will do our best to help.