



Expression of Interest – Instrumental lessons

What We Offer

The Music department is able to offer 1:1 instrumental lessons, delivered on a weekly basis for 20 minutes by highly qualified and experienced instrumental specialists. We currently have teachers delivering lessons on violin, voice, piano, drum kit, guitar, bass guitar, saxophone and clarinet. We have scope to deliver much more, so if your preferred instrument is not here just get in touch! Instrumental lessons are a commitment and students should expect to practise the instrument for at least 15 minutes five times a week (as a beginner).

Pricing

Lessons are charged at a cost of **£10** per 20 minute lesson, per instrument the student is studying. The Academy is committed to keeping the cost of lessons as low as possible. We use our own external tutors, the only exception is our violin tutor who is provided by Lincoln Music Service (LMS). LMS tutors have no difference in lesson style or teacher capacity, but will be billed slightly differently beginning September 2020, meaning that invoices are received directly from LMS rather than LCA. Still indicate your initial interest in the manner outlined below.

In line with Local Authority guidelines, some families may qualify for the **reduced-rate remission scheme**. This applies to parents of children who currently qualify for **Free School Meals** and is also extended to **Services' students**, i.e. students of parents who are in the military. If you believe you qualify for reduced rates, please indicate this in your email reply to Mrs Noble. The reduced cost will be applied to the first instrument the student is studying and will be charged at **£5** per 20 minute. **Please note: If a student wishes to study a second instrument the full cost will be chargeable i.e. £10 per lesson.**

For students of Grade 5 standard and above, the Academy offers the opportunity to undertake 30 minute lessons at a cost of £15.00 per lesson, or £7.50 for students on the reduced-rate remission scheme.

You will receive an email invoice before the start of each term, or before your first lesson. The invoice will itemise when lessons will be received. Alongside your first invoice you will receive a copy of the relevant **Instrumental Policy** which may answer any questions you have, although feel free to contact me if it doesn't cover anything you want to know!

Exams

During the course of their instrumental studies, some students will benefit from additional ABRSM Music Theory qualifications; their readiness for these will be determined by their teacher. For all students who are ready to enter Music Theory exams, the school will pay for entries from the exams budget. Practical, graded music exams are paid for by parents. We will continue to offer hire of our own instruments free of charge. If there is a charge to hire LMS instruments we will discuss and agree this with you at the time.

What You Should Do Next

If you want to commit to instrumental lessons for the academic year 2020/2021, you should email Mrs Noble on sn@lincolncastleacademy.co.uk to add your child to the instrumental timetable. Your email should indicate:

- ✓ Your child's full name
- ✓ Your child's form (if known)
- ✓ The instrument they wish to take lessons on (including if they are a total beginner or have played before)
 - ✓ If you believe you qualify for the remission scheme outlined above

In most instances we will be able to accommodate your child immediately, although if this is not the case you will be placed on a waiting list.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Noble

Head of Music