

Cleeve School Instrumental Teaching Service

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your interest in your child receiving music tuition at Cleeve School. This service offers excellence in teaching across a range of instrumental disciplines, and I hope that the experience will be both challenging and rewarding for your son or daughter.

It is so often at this stage that young people discover that they have a musical talent, and if taken seriously, this will develop into an important academic skill, as well as a part of their identity, for the rest of their lives. At Cleeve School we invest a lot of time and effort in providing musical activities for our students to develop these skills, and we are thrilled when students leave here with such high levels of musical ability.

I hope the information below answers any questions that you might have regarding this service. Should there be any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on csk@cleeveschool.net, or finance@cleeveschool.net for billing-related queries.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Keir

Head of Music

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Gloucestershire Music: <http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/>

My son/daughter is learning an instrument at Primary School. Will he/she be able to continue at Cleeve School?

We are notified by Gloucestershire Music of those pupils coming to Cleeve in Year 7 who have already been learning an instrument in their Primary School. They will be contacted and fitted appropriately into the instrumental teaching timetable by the Music Department at Cleeve School. Parents should fill in the orange 'Application for Instrumental Lessons' form and return it to the Music Office.

How do I apply to begin lessons from scratch?

Please see Mr Keir in the Music Office for an application form. Please read the Terms & Conditions carefully, sign and then return the form to Mr Keir.

Will I get lessons immediately?

Every effort is made to meet requirements, but should there be no availability of teaching time, pupils will be put on a waiting list and informed by the Head of Music when lessons can commence

How much do lessons cost?

Lessons last for 30 minutes. Individual lessons cost £130 for ten lessons, or paired lessons cost £65 for ten lessons. There are 30 lessons per academic year. Piano lessons are always individual. We cannot guarantee a shared lesson for all instruments offered. Where this occurs the Head of Music will contact parents individually.



Is there any financial support with this cost?

Bursaries are only available from the Colwell Arts Centre for applicants in receipt of lessons provided by Colwell tutors. To apply for a bursary, please telephone Colwell Arts Centre on 01452 330330 to ask for details. You must be able to provide proof of the above requirements.

How do I pay for lessons?

The Finance Office will send out an invoice for ten lessons, which must be settled before lessons can commence. You will be invoiced three times per academic year unless you give notice by the required date to stop lessons. (See below).

When do lessons take place?

Lessons take place during school hours, during lunch times or directly after school. Lessons that take place during the school day are organised on a rota basis in order to minimise withdrawal from the same subject each week.

How do I stop lessons?

The school has a commitment to provide music tuition of the highest possible standard, and therefore books teachers in advance to enable us to do this. We need to have a reasonable amount of time to reschedule their timetables and to give other students an opportunity to take up the vacant spaces in the event of cancellations. Notice to stop must be given by the date stated on both the Terms & Conditions and the invoices sent out at the start of each set of ten lessons. Failure to give notice by these dates will result in you being billed for the next set of ten lessons.

Notice should be sent to the Finance Office, or emailed to finance@cleeveschool.net.

My son/daughter is carrying on with lessons from one academic year to the next. Why have I been sent a new contract?

New 'Continuing with Instrumental Tuition' forms are sent out with updated details such as deadline dates for notice to stop lessons, and to give you an opportunity to have a new copy of the Terms & Conditions. These forms should be returned directly to the Finance Office. Please note that notice must have been given by the stated date in order to choose not to continue with lessons.

How do I obtain an instrument?

Where a space is available for tuition and a hired instrument is required, your son/daughter will be given a form for parents to sign and send to the Colwell Centre for Arts in Gloucester. An instrument will then be delivered to Cleeve School, usually within the fortnight.





Can I hire Electric Guitars or Electric Keyboards?

Due to Health & Safety reasons, these are not hired out by the County.

Can I buy an instrument through the school?

Yes this is a possibility. Please see Mr Keir in the Music Office for further details.

How is progress monitored?

Instrumental reports are issued at the end of the school year in the Summer Term. You are most welcome to discuss your son or daughter's progress with the Head of Music at any time.

How can parents help?

Encouragement at home is vital for your son or daughter's progress in music. Try to establish a regular pattern for practise. Ten minutes practise per day is far better than one hour-long session per week. A set time in the day established good habits; first thing in the morning, just before dinner etc...

A warm room and a certain tolerance of noise is probably necessary too! Take an interest in the piece your son or daughter has been given and give them praise when you observe progress.

If you feel that your child is not practising enough, despite all your encouragement, please contact me so that I can help.

