MUSIC Lessons

at Bridgnorth Endowed School



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Why learn to play a musical instrument?

Learning an instrument is fun and a great way for pupils to acquire life skills such as self-discipline and commitment. It can also help to improve self-esteem and self-confidence.

Which instrument?

Tuition is offered on a wide range of instruments, including drums, piano, keyboard and guitar.

To find out which music lessons are currently available at BES, please email Miss Gemma Barrett at gbarrett@bridgnorthendowed.co.uk.

How do I register my child for lessons?

Simply complete the form on the next page and return to the school for the attention of Miss Barrett, who will make all the necessary arrangements with the tutor and then confirm with yourself.

When and where do lessons take place?

The lessons take place during the school day and our music teachers rotate weekly session times to ensure pupils are not taken out of the same lesson.

How much do lessons cost?

Music lessons are on a one-to-one basis and the cost is 217.50 per half an hour.

What happens next?

Once lessons have been arranged with the tutor, Miss Barrett will contact you to let you know the time, day etc. when your child's music lessons will start. It is then your son / daughter's responsibility to check the timetable each week to ensure they do not miss any lessons. Timetables are on SOCS and the practice room doors in the music room.







Piano and Keyboard

Oliver Clarke, BMus.

I am an enthusiastic and patient piano teacher with over 28 years' experience in teaching children and adults of all ages. I teach piano, keyboard and music theory from beginner onwards, for all grades and diplomas. I take an individual approach with each student in order to ensure fast progress whether, for instance they are looking for basic keyboard skills, classical tuition, pop, contemporary music or jazz instruction.

I am willing to teach committed students who want to play just for pleasure, as well as those who would like to be entered for Associated Board graded exams.



Guitar

Tom Morgan

Tom has over a decade of experience teaching hundreds of students from his studio and in both state and private schools. He teaches students of all ages and abilities, whether they want to learn for fun or for graded exams. Tom is classically trained and also has a passion for rock and pop. Lessons are tailored to each student depending on their requirements and learning styles.



Drums

Dave Odart

Dave Odart is a full-time professional musician, experienced teacher and composer working from his home studio in Shropshire and for the local authority teaching in schools and colleges.

Dave delivers drum kit lessons, catering for beginners through to Grade 8 and ATCL diploma level candidates using the syllabus he has written to support and enhance the material in the grade books.

He organises his own examination centre for his students and has achieved a 100% pass rate with over 700 candidates successfully taking examinations since 2005. This year alone, thirty students have passed with Distinction, 21 with Merit and 8 with a Pass.

Dave is a published author of drum kit teaching materials and is a composer and syllabus consultant for Trinity College London as well as regularly performing with Luke Combs UK and Synergy Live Band in venues across the UK.

Please note the following conditions of peripatetic music lessons:

- 1. It is the student's responsibility to attend on the correct day at the correct time.
- 2. No credit or refund will be given for a pupil's absence that has not been notified in advance. Where possible, music teachers will try to rearrange lessons if given plenty of notice. It is the responsibility of the child to inform the music teacher of any planned absences at least a week before the scheduled lesson(s).
- **3.** Any absence by a music teacher would be made up during the same half term, wherever possible. If this is not possible, no charge will be made to the parent /carer for this missed lesson.
- **4.** Music lessons are to be paid for weekly and settled in full at the end of each month. If payment is not made within this time, lessons will be halted until payment is received.
- 5. Bridgnorth Endowed School offers 30 lessons in an academic year.
- **6.** Any examination dates / times will be arranged via the music teacher and the school. Please note, these costs are in addition to the lesson costs.
- 7. Parents / carers are required to give **half a term's notice** in writing if a student wishes to withdraw from lessons.
- 8. If a student fails to attend a music lesson, a text message will be sent to the parent / carer. The cost of the lesson will still be charged unless the student has notified the music teacher of the planned absence (see point 2)



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