



Backwell School

A National Teaching School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below the information for applying for and taking instrumental lessons at the school.

Information

The Music Department at Backwell School offers lessons on the following instruments: strings, brass, woodwind, drum kit and orchestral percussion, guitar (classical, acoustic, electric) and bass guitar, voice, and piano. Most of our teachers are North Somerset peripatetic teachers and we currently have 4 private teachers. The charges and organisation of lessons with private teachers is the same but communications are direct with the teacher rather than through Backwell School.

- **North Somerset Peripatetic Music Lessons:** Students receive 30 lessons per annum, either individually (25 minutes at £18.50 per lesson), in pairs (30 minutes at £11.00 per lesson) or in groups of three (30 minutes at £7.50 per lesson), depending on their level of study.

Please note that the number of lessons received each two terms varies per year. For example, this current academic year, students will receive 12 lessons in Terms 1 and 2, 9 lessons in Terms 3 and 4, and 9 lessons in Terms 5 and 6. It is recommended that students working at grades 1 and 2 level have lessons in pairs or groups of three, those at grades 3 and 4 level have them in pairs and those at grade 5 level and above have individual lessons.

- **Private Music Lessons:** Students receive about 10 individual half-hour lessons per two terms at a cost of around £18.50 per lesson. Currently, lessons for **classical guitar, double bass and singing** are provided by a variety of experienced practitioners. Please indicate on the attached application form if you wish to request lessons from one of our 'private' teachers. Your details will be passed on to the relevant teacher and you will be contacted and payment arranged with them.

If you would like to apply for partial financial assistance towards your son/daughter's music lessons, please contact Student Services, Mrs Gumm, the Business Support Manager, who will be able to provide information about the Pupil Premium Scheme for Years 7 to 11 and the 16-19 Bursary Fund for students in Years 12 and 13. (Parents/Carers of students who are entitled to free school meals or are in receipt of Child Tax Credits are maybe eligible for this financial assistance.) Alternatively, information and application forms are available to download from the Backwell School website.

If your son/daughter would like to take instrumental lessons please fill in the attached form and return it to vcooper@backwellschool.net. We generally start new pupils in September, January and April.

Lessons take place during the school day. Timetables are constructed so that the same academic lesson is not missed regularly. If possible, students in Years 10 and 11 will be timetabled over break, lunch or tutor times, and Sixth Form students during their free periods. Pupils receiving instrumental or singing lessons are expected to support the extra-curricular work of the Music Department.

APPLICATION FOR MUSIC LESSONS 2021-22

Please complete and email to vcooper@backwellschool.net

Name of pupil	
Tutor group in Sept. 2021	
Name and phone number of parent/carer	

Name of instrument/voice			
Please indicate how long has the pupil been playing for and approximate grade, or if they are a new starter.			
Do you have a preference for North Somerset Peripatetic or Private Music lessons?			
Although we cannot guarantee there will be a suitable group or pair, please tick your preference and we will do our best to accommodate this	Individual lessons	£18.50 per lesson	
	Lessons in a pair	£11.00 per lesson	
	Lessons in a group of three	£7.50 per lesson	

I acknowledge that I will be liable for the payment of lessons requested by me and organised by the school on behalf of my son/daughter.

If requesting private lessons, I am happy for my information to be passed on to the relevant teacher so they can contact me to arrange lessons.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Carer