



Junior School Music

Music and the Arts play a central part in the holistic education of a Gordonstoun student. A Music Department team of many specialist teachers delivers all curricular, vocal and instrumental lessons. Students have the opportunity to study orchestral, jazz, rock and traditional Scottish instruments. These weekly lessons are complemented by a comprehensive and diverse ensemble activity programme, with regular performance opportunities available to all pupils.

All Junior school pupils have class music lessons every week where they develop skills of listening, performing and creating by exploring different topics. The Music Department offers many exciting opportunities for your child to develop their musical ability. Such opportunities exist within the curriculum, within individual instrumental lessons and in the Music Department's diverse extra-curricular provision. Pupils are actively encouraged to learn an instrument and participate in a wide range of organised musical activities. We believe that it will:

- increase their self-confidence, self-motivation and self-discipline.
- improve their social interaction and contribute to their sensitivity.
- broaden their educational horizons and be an important part of their overall holistic education.
- improve their fine motor skills.
- be a major source of joy and achievement.
- enable them to take part in performance opportunities throughout the year.
- allow them to gain extra qualifications.

All matters connected with Music should currently be referred to juniorschool@gordonstoun.org.uk

Instrumental Music Lessons

If your child would like to learn an instrument at Gordonstoun, the Music Department offers individual tuition in the following instruments:

- **Strings:** Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double-Bass
- **Brass:** Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, French Horn
- **Woodwind:** Saxophone, Clarinet, Oboe, Flute, Bassoon, Recorder
- **Guitar:** Classical, Acoustic, Electric, Bass, Ukulele, Mandolin
- **Percussion:** Drum Kit, Orchestral Percussion
- **Voice**
- **Keyboard:** Piano, Organ
- **Bagpipes, Pipe Drumming**

If there is an instrument that is not listed that you would like your child to play, please get in touch and we will try to support them by finding a teacher if possible.





2023/2024 Academic Year Fees

Individual 30-minute instrumental tuition:	Autumn Term: 13 lessons	£406.90
	Spring Term: 9 lessons	£281.70
	Summer Term: 9 lessons	£281.70

Individual 1-hour instrumental tuition: (recommended for Grade 6 and above) <small>(NB 1-hour lessons are discounted by 12%)</small>	Autumn Term: 13 lessons	£731.80
	Spring Term: 9 lessons	£506.70
	Summer Term: 9 lessons	£506.70

Group Lessons

For the academic year 2022/2023 **Junior School pupils** have the option of studying an instrument with another student of a similar ability. We hope that this option will make instrumental lessons more accessible to families where the financial implications of 1:1 instrumental tuition are a consideration. We also hope that having instrumental lessons with their peers with help to motivate, enthuse and inspire our young musicians. Students being taught in pairs will have the option of working towards ABRSM Music Medals.

These group lessons will be available on the following instruments:

- **Strings:** Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double-Bass
- **Brass:** Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, French Horn
- **Woodwind:** Saxophone, Clarinet, Oboe, Flute, Bassoon, Recorder
- **Guitar:** Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar
- **Bagpipes, Pipe Drumming**

Please note that group lessons will only be available if pupils of similar ability can be paired together. Whilst we will do our best to pair students together this may not always be possible. Parents will be contacted at the earliest opportunity where paired lessons have been requested but cannot be timetabled, in order to discuss options.

Group 30-minute instrumental tuition:	Autumn Term: 13 lessons	£215.00
	Spring Term: 9 lessons	£148.85
	Summer Term: 9 lessons	£148.85

Instrument Hire

Although students are encouraged to purchase their own instrument, the school has a stock of orchestral instruments available for hire. The hire fee is £60.00 per term for students wishing to use a School instrument (excluding piano, organ and percussion/drum kit where there will be a nominal maintenance/tuning charge of £26.25 per term).





Notice to Amend or Cease Tuition

If your child(ren) wishes to change instruments, a term's notice is required, however requests cannot be automatically guaranteed part-way through a term.

Notice to cease instrumental tuition must be given before the end of the previous term. We will assume that instrumental tuition will continue if a student remains at Gordonstoun and has previously had instrumental lessons. A full term's fees may be charged if adequate notice is not given.

If you would like to speak to a member of the music department please email music@gordonstoun.org.uk and your query will be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

How to Request, Amend or Cease Tuition

To commence, amend or cease tuition please use this [Instrumental Music Lessons at Gordonstoun](#) form.

