

## Policy on Vocal/Instrumental Tuition 2023-2024



Instrumental tuition is offered on strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, electric guitar and Classical guitar. From September 2023, 20 minute group/individual tuition will be charged as follows:

- **Group lesson of 3 at £54.00 per term**
- **Group lesson of 2 at £70 per term**
- **Individual lesson at £128.00 per term**

**Piano and Percussion lessons are only taught as individual lessons.**

**Allocation of a group of 2 or 3 is at the discretion of school, depending on the number of pupils requiring a lesson and their standard.**

Group singing lessons are also available to students who participate in choir and are free of charge. Application forms are given out in choir rehearsals at the start of term. Individual or shared singing lessons will be available for students who currently have singing lessons and are working towards exams. These will be charged for as instrumental lessons – see above.

1. Fees will payable on a termly basis prior to the start of the term. Lessons will be 'paused' if fees are not paid.
2. **Once you have 'signed up', lessons run continuously from one academic year to the next. If a student wishes to stop instrumental lessons, one full term's written notice is required using the online form from the school website. This is located on the 'school life' tab under the heading - music tuition**
3. The charges are fixed for the full academic year and will be reviewed annually.
4. Where students are entitled to free school meals, fees will be reduced by 50%. Contact our Finance team for details.
5. Rastrick High School will guarantee a minimum of 30 lessons of 20 minutes duration during a school year. If school is forced to close for an extended period, lessons will be taught 'online' using Teams.
6. A regular programme of monitoring and assessment of student progress is offered through the student practice book.
7. The experience gained through playing together and performing is recognised as being of benefit for all young musicians in developing their musicianship and social skills. All students receiving instrumental/vocal tuition are expected to play/sing in the relevant school ensembles.
8. Individual instrumental tuition for one instrument will be free of charge to GCSE students. Lessons in a second instrument will be charged at the agreed rate (see above).
9. Rastrick High School instruments can be hired for the first 2 years of lessons at a cost of £10 per term (subject to availability and not including guitars or Keyboards) After the first two years, information about purchasing an instrument will be given to parents.
10. Lessons will take place during the school day, usually on a rota system to avoid missing part of the same lesson each week.

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