

GUITAR LESSONS.

Dear Parent / Guardian

Lessons are for 25mins on a weekly basis. The fee for this is £8.50 per lesson in pairs or £17.00 individually. Most year 7-9 students prefer to work in pairs and I find individual lessons more suitable for advanced pupils.

Payment for 10 lessons is requested at the beginning of term and any adjustments will be taken into account in billing for subsequent terms. e.g. Winter term can reach 13 lessons and less for spring/summer

Absence is billed unless by agreement for foreseeable reasons. Exceptions are taken into account, where possible I can rearrange, so please keep me informed of known situations (day trips, doctor/orthodontist appointments, exams etc.) ideally with a minimum of 48 hours' notice.

Students have to come out of regular lessons, but the time table is cycled so half of the same lesson should only be missed about twice per term. Lunch and break-time lessons are reserved for year 10 / 11 GCSE students.

All students will need their own guitar, which is brought into college and left in the music department practice room at the start of the day. Ideally all electric guitar students should also have a guitar amplifier for practice at home (this does not need to be brought in to school).

Generally lessons are divided between Classical Guitar or Contemporary Guitar styles (more song based). There can be some crossover if the student would like this.

For classical guitar we will be working towards taking grades in the Trinity/Guildhall syllabus.

For electric/steel string guitar most of the material taught will be working towards the latest guitar based " Hits ", with a leaning towards the individual's preferences. Theory, classic rock and Electric guitar graded exams are also covered, although guitar exams are not enforced for electric guitar.

For guitar exam entrants' books must be purchased, otherwise all music will be provided free as photocopy.

Lessons will also tie in to provide performance pieces and compositional skills for music GCSE students.

Students should ideally practice for a minimum of 15-30 minutes 5 days a week. Beginners may have to build up to this over the first few weeks.

I hope I have covered the essentials, if you are interested please contact me:

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