

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS



THE MISBOURNE



Now is the time to learn
to play an instrument!

Introduction

Here at The Misbourne, we offer a wide variety of individual music tuition from a range of highly-experienced peripatetic teachers. Full details of the staff are available on request. Students can expect a total of 33 lessons annually, which are taught on a weekly basis across the three terms.

If you would like to book lessons at the school, please complete the electronic form on the next page. The deadlines for completion of the form are:

- **Friday 17 July** for lessons during the **Autumn Term 2020**
- **Monday 7 December** for lessons during the **Spring Term 2021**
- **Monday 8 March** for lessons during the **Summer Term 2021**

Your details will then be forwarded to the relevant peripatetic teacher who will contact you in advance of term commencing to discuss payment and to forward timetabling information to you.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding then we are able to offer 20-minute lessons to your child without charge, however we do ask that attendance to lessons is over 80% across the term. Failure to meet this target across the term will see the funding withdrawn for the next term. If you have any further queries, please email: musiclessons@themisbourne.co.uk

Lesson Times

To prevent disruption to the same subject each week, Instrumental Lessons are on a rotating timetable. The student will be excused from their class lesson to attend. Timetables are created by the visiting peripatetic teachers and any timetabling request will need to be made to them directly. This is done at the visiting peripatetic teacher's discretion and is not always possible.

Instruments to Learn

Flute	Violin	Cello	Tuba
Clarinet	Trombone	Double Bass	Classical Guitar
Saxophone	Drum Kit	Voice	Electric Guitar
Piano	Trumpet	LAMDA	Bass Guitar

Lesson Length & Prices

Lessons can be 20 or 30 minutes and are taught individually.

	Price per term
Individual 20 mins	£148
Individual 30 mins	£222

Instrument Hire and Assisted Purchase Scheme

If you are concerned about the financial outlay of buying an instrument, it may be possible to hire an instrument from the Bucks Music Trust. The Service offers instrument hire for all instruments. Stock is limited so it is advisable to make an early application. **Please contact the Bucks Music Trust for further details:** <https://www.bucksmusic.org/instrument-hire/>

The school offers the **Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme** which may enable students who learn an instrument at school or who participate in school musical activities to buy an instrument without having to pay V.A.T. (20%). For further information about the scheme, please email: finance@themisbourne.co.uk

Communication

All visiting peripatetic teachers will be given basic contact details of their students with which to communicate any changes to lesson times, catch-up lessons, etc. Annual long reports will be issued in the Summer term and a short progress report will be issued in February to update parents on progress.

Students will be issued with practise books which the teacher will write in each week to highlight key areas for practise. Practise should be recorded at home and attendance to lessons will be monitored by parents. Any attendance issues should be communicated to the Peripatetic Teacher.

Extra-Curricular Commitment

Students are expected to attend a music club during the week. This is a vital part of their musical development and much is gained from taking this opportunity. Clubs include, but are not limited to, MizBand, Vocalise, Funktion Band and Rock Band.

Booking Lessons

To book lessons, please read the Terms and Conditions on the next page before completing the form below. By completing the form, you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions.

Form can be found using the below link, or scanning the QR code with a mobile device:

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK LESSONS](#)



Terms & Conditions

Instrumental Music Teachers will work with families to ensure instrumental lessons take place regularly, with minimal disruptions to lessons. Families, students and teachers alike will work together to ensure the following:

1. Students receive a minimum of 33 lessons per year.
2. Students are responsible for checking the Performing Arts noticeboard on a regular basis for the time of their lesson.
3. Regular practice is expected at home, and families will monitor this through the practice booklet.
4. Pupils are expected to catch up on any classwork missed by attending instrumental lessons.
5. Lessons missed by the student will not be rescheduled or refunded except in the case of staff absence.
6. In exceptional circumstances, students who give prior warning that they are unable to attend scheduled lesson may be able to rearrange the lesson. This must be communicated directly to the instrumental teacher. A minimum of 48 hours notice is expected, and the rescheduled lesson is at the discretion of their teacher. No refund is offered if changes cannot be made. It is not compulsory for Instrumental Music Teachers to offer this service.
7. The full contract must be honoured. Contracts cannot be terminated midway through the contractual period, as all fees will still be liable.
8. Parents must inform the Instrumental Music Teacher and musiclessons@themisbourne.co.uk, in writing, of a student's intention to stop lessons, giving at least two weeks notice BEFORE the end of term. Fees will still be applicable if insufficient notice is given.
9. The school reserves the right to withdraw pupils from instrumental lessons due to poor attendance, lack of effort, failure to keep up with school work or non-payment of fees. All remaining fees will still be chargeable.
10. Payment must be made to the peripatetic teacher in the timescale in which they outline, otherwise lessons will not be booked.
11. The school will not be liable for any loss or damage to instruments.
12. All instruments must be bought to school in a clearly labelled case and taken home each evening.
13. Students are welcome to store their instruments in a designated practice room during the school day, however this is done at their own risk, and must not be left overnight.
14. Peripatetic teachers will have and store an email address and phone number for the parent(s)/guardian of each student they teach in order to communicate any changes to lesson times, staff absences, and student attendance issues.
15. Every student will have their lesson rotate on a carousel timetable to avoid missing the same subject lesson each week. Any arrangements to have a fixed timeslot will need to be made to the Individual Music Teacher prior to the timetable being published.
16. Students who are having lessons funded through Pupil Premium will have above 80% attendance across the term. Attendance below this threshold will see funding removed for the following term.
17. In order for Instrumental teachers to communicate lesson times, timetables will be emailed to parents with all the students names featured on the timetable, as well as being displayed on a noticeboard in school. This allows students to see the other student's lesson times should they need to swap lessons at short notice.
18. Further guidance may be issued as an addendum in the event of further Government Conditions due to Covid-19.