

The Friary School Lichfield

Instrumental Lesson Information 2025-26



Key Information and Dates

- Read all the information in this leaflet.
- All new and existing students return the online form by **Friday 11th July 2025**

<https://forms.office.com/e/KDUzjcS48K>



- We request payment in advance of the tuition in full by **Friday 22nd August 2025**
- Or in three instalments:
 - Friday 22nd August 2025**
 - Friday 5th December 2025**
 - Friday 27th March 2026**
- Students should read their Guide to Music Lessons leaflet that will be provided as soon as a lesson place is allocated.
- Students check Timetable Noticeboard in the Music block on **Monday 8th September 2025**

Contact Information

Lesson Enquiries

lhod@friaryschool.co.uk

Payment Enquiries

finance@friaryschool.co.uk

Important Information

Who can have music lessons?

We are excited to offer lessons to all students, at all levels, including complete beginners. We actively encourage music making at all levels and we are proud to support students at all stages in their learning.

Who provides the lessons?

Instrumental music tuition is available at The Friary School through our own team of highly trained Instrumental Teachers.

Why have music lessons?

Music lessons are an excellent way for students to develop their skills and understanding of music, as well as giving them the potential for a lifelong passion and opportunity for social development.

Instruments Offered

Guitar	Flute	Cornet
Keyboard	Saxophone	Violin
Piano	Trumpet	Viola
Vocals	Trombone	Cello
Clarinet	Baritone	Drums

Please note that the availability for some instruments is limited due to demand but we will do our best to meet requests.

How the lessons are delivered

Lessons last 20 minutes and in the earlier stages are usually taken in pairs or small groups. When working for higher grades, individual lessons are usually available (including GCSE/A Level music students). Lessons take place during the school day and are rotated every half term.

How students check their lesson times

Students should check the Music Lesson Noticeboard in the corridor opposite the Theatre. It is important that students check their times in case of any changes. Students will also have their lesson time written in their planner.

Lesson Attendance

Attendance at lessons is the student's responsibility; if they miss a lesson, it is unfortunately not possible to rearrange.

If the teacher is absent, the lesson will be made up on another day and the students will be informed.

How much it costs and how it is paid

The charges for tuition is as follows:

- £320 for the full academic year
- £150 for GCSE/A Level Music students (first instrument only)
- £100 for anyone in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) in the last five years or are Pupil Premium for any other reason (first instrument only).

The level of fees is set out by the school and is heavily subsidised to encourage students to have instrumental lessons.

We request payment in advance of the tuition beginning to ensure that your child has an allocated place. Payment is therefore due in full by Friday 22nd August 2025, or in three instalments: Friday 22nd August 2025, Friday 5th December 2025 and Friday 27th March 2026.

If your circumstances are such that you feel you may qualify for some reduction in charges (e.g. GCSE/A Level music student or FSM), please indicate this on the online form.

All students are expected to take part in an ensemble

In recognition of the subsidised cost of tuition, each student is expected to take part regularly in at least one of the school ensembles (see the ensembles table). Full attendance at rehearsals and concerts will be required for the school to continue to support their instrumental tuition. It is also an excellent way to demonstrate the progress that the students are making and to celebrate their success.

Security and storage of instruments in school

We provide a store cupboard that is kept locked in the department. The school does not accept

liability for damage to or loss of instruments in school. Instruments should not be left in school overnight both for security reasons and because students should be practicing at home.

How new students will know what to do

At the beginning of the year, all new students will be given a walkthrough guide of how to check their time on the timetable and answers to any frequently asked questions.

What happens if my son/daughter wants to stop lessons mid-way through the year?

As the tutors are booked in termly, we expect payments in full until the end of the term. Please do let the school know if you wish to cancel lessons via: finance@friaryschool.co.uk

Music Ensembles

This is the current schedule of music ensembles

	Ensembles	
Monday	Shout it Out	Percussion Ensemble
Tuesday	String Ensemble	
Wednesday	Wind Band	Orchestra
Thursday		
Friday	Guitar Ensemble	