



## MUSIC AT SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

South Wilts Grammar School has a very active Music Department with a reputation for high standards both locally and throughout the South of England. The Music Department's main aim is that all girls should enjoy music both within the classroom and beyond and be offered opportunities to perform together with students from all years.

We have many music groups which meet regularly and contribute to a great variety of musical events both in and out of school. Rehearsals are held during lunchtimes and after school. At the beginning of the year students will be given a timetable for when each group meets and their music teacher will help them to decide which group is right for them. All students are encouraged to sing as the choirs are open to everyone.

Almost all girls have played a recorder at previous schools and we invite everyone to develop their talents through instrumental lessons. Provision is made for all levels of ability and the department has a large and highly qualified team of teachers. Currently over a third of students receive instrumental lessons at school. It is a recognised fact that playing an instrument aids study by developing powers of concentration and a disciplined approach to work. Students learning instruments or receiving singing lessons are encouraged to participate in at least one group to enhance their musicianship and enjoyment. It is sometimes necessary to put a student on a waiting list if lessons are oversubscribed.

Instrumental lessons take place in the Music Department with students' individual times rotating throughout the normal school day. The lessons last 30 minutes and the teachers undertake to deliver 30 lessons per year. It is school policy to provide lessons in this way and having instrumental lessons should in no way hinder academic progress provided students follow guidelines about copying up work. It is the students' responsibility to catch up on any work they have missed when they are absent from a lesson and to establish what homework has been set.

Each week the teacher puts up a timetable for his/her students on the music lesson board. Students should check this board regularly. Instruments should not be carried between lessons but stored in the instrumental store cupboards in the music block. For security reasons students should always take their instruments home at night. All instrument cases should be clearly labelled on the inside and outside with the student's name and form. Please note that privately owned instruments are not covered by school insurance and check that your own insurance policy covers them.

I hope your daughter will very much enjoy Music at South Wilts!

Mrs E Poppleton  
Head of Music

## **INSTRUMENTAL TEACHERS 2017-2018**

The proposed list of instrumental teachers providing lessons in school for 2017 - 2018 is as follows:

### **VIOLIN, VIOLA**

Mrs R Fraser  
Mr R Parsons

### **CLARINET/SAXOPHONE**

Mrs K Taylor  
Miss E Tolfree

### **GUITAR**

Mr M Wilkinson  
Mr G Dutfield

### **CELLO/DOUBLE BASS**

Mrs J Parsons

### **FLUTE**

Mr G Dutfield  
Mr H Nelson  
Mrs C Wallace

### **RECORDER**

Miss E Tolfree

### **BRASS**

Mr M Hind  
Mr R Priestley

### **PIANO**

Mrs C Notley  
Mr P Colman  
Mr A Watson

### **OBOE**

Mrs C Wallace

### **BASSOON**

Miss E Tolfree

### **SINGING**

Ms T Bond  
Mrs C Bryan  
Mr J Ottaway  
Miss M Williams

### **PERCUSSION/DRUMS**

Mr R Perry

The cost of instrumental tuition is £160.00 for 10 lessons per term. These fees are payable immediately, on receipt of the invoice. You will also be charged a facility fee of £1 per term for the peripatetic music teachers to teach using the school's resources.

We would be grateful if all parents would complete the attached Music Information Sheet and should your daughter require lessons in school, please complete the attached application for tuition and Instrumental Music Lessons Agreement, which should be returned to the Music Department. Please sign a second copy of the Agreement and keep this at home for reference.

If parents have any queries, please telephone the Music Department on 01722 343729.

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# **SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS MUSIC INFORMATION SHEET**

**Please return to the Music Department no later than the 20 June 2017.**

Daughter's name ..... Form .....

Address .....

Telephone Number .....

Email address .....

Previous school .....

If your daughter is currently having instrumental or singing lessons, please indicate:

Instrument/voice .....

Teacher ..... Grade .....

Please indicate if your daughter is in a choir at her present school or sings with one outside school:

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Signed (parent/guardian) .....

Date .....

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## **APPLICATION FOR INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION**

**Please return to the Music Department no later than the 20 June 2017.**

Daughter's name ..... Form .....

The school offers tuition at all levels in:

**Bassoon, Cello, Clarinet, Double Bass, Drum Kit, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Oboe, Piano, Saxophone, Singing, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, Viola and Violin.**

Please arrange tuition for (instrument) .....  
(Final arrangements will be made in September)

Signed (parent/guardian) .....

Date .....

**NB It is sometimes necessary to put a student on a waiting list if lessons are oversubscribed.**

**SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AGREEMENT**

Pupil's name and form .....

Teacher ..... Instrument .....

Please read this sheet very carefully, to ensure you understand the arrangements about music lessons. Please keep one copy and **sign and return the other copy to the Music Department no later than the 20 June 2017** to indicate that you agree to the arrangements. This will allow you to start your lessons. These arrangements are designed to allow many girls to learn within school and the system to operate smoothly. Please keep to this agreement otherwise it will be necessary to suspend lessons. Over the school year 30 lessons lasting 30 minutes are given although the number in each term will depend on the number of available weeks. Any additional lessons are by direct negotiation with the instrumental teacher. It is school policy to provide lessons in this way and having instrumental lessons should in no way hinder academic progress provided students follow guidelines about copying up work. It is the students' responsibility to catch up on any work they have missed when they are absent from a lesson and to establish what homework has been set.

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**Notice to cease lessons:** One term's notice (based on a six term year) should be given in advance in writing. The notice should be given to the instrumental teacher and the Music Department.

**Lesson times** for girls in Years 7 – 11 are rotated. It is the responsibility of each pupil to **check the times on the lesson rota**.

**What to do if there is a clash with a school trip/exam/assessment or absence:** Immediately discuss this with your teacher to see if it can be rescheduled. Lessons missed will be charged for. There is no obligation for the teacher to make up the lesson but he/she will attempt to do so, so please contact your teacher as soon as possible. Your teacher will make arrangements with you as to how he/she may be contacted. It is your responsibility to contact the music teacher directly to notify of any absence.

**What to bring: Instrument, music, small notebook** in which teachers can record work and guidance. This may also be a means of dialogue between parents/guardian and the teacher. If you forget your instrument or music, you should still attend your lesson.

**Instrument security:** All music instrument cases must be clearly labelled and must only be left in the store cupboards, not lockers. It is important not to leave your instrument overnight in the school. You are advised to insure your instrument. (The school cannot accept responsibility for it.)

**Instrument Purchase:** It may be possible to claim VAT on the purchase of instruments. Enquiries should be made to the Finance Office.

**In case of difficulties:** Please contact your instrumental/singing teacher. Most problems can be overcome more easily earlier rather than later.

**Music groups:** The school runs a wide range of music groups, which complement instrumental lessons. These aim to be enjoyable, sociable and educational, but do require commitment. It is hoped that girls availing themselves of instrumental lessons in school will undertake to participate in the ensembles considered most suitable for them. Girls learning outside school are most welcome to participate.

There may be occasions when we would need to discuss your daughter's medical/personal details with her peripatetic teacher. If you would prefer the school not to do this, please could you inform the Music Department in writing.

**We have read this and agree to these arrangements.**

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