



SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL/SINGING LESSONS

South Wilts Grammar School has a very active Music Department with a reputation for high standards throughout the South of England. The Music Department's main aim is that all students should enjoy music both within the classroom and beyond regardless of their age, ability and musical background.

All students joining the school are welcome to sign up to receive instrumental or singing lessons, whether they are already experienced on an instrument or a beginner. The department has a large and highly qualified team of peripatetic teachers and currently over 300 students receive instrumental or singing lessons at school each week. It is a recognised fact that playing an instrument aids study by developing powers of concentration and a disciplined approach to work.

Instrumental lessons take place during the school day with students' individual times rotating to avoid clashing with the same curriculum lesson. The lessons last 30 minutes and students 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 catching up on work missed. In the Sixth Form, students can arrange for lessons to take place when they do not have a timetabled lesson.

Students learning instruments or receiving singing lessons are expected to participate in at least one extra-curricular group to enhance their musicianship and enjoyment.

INSTRUMENTS & TEACHERS

The range of instruments on offer can be found below:

Cello*	Mrs J Parsons
Clarinet*	Miss S Scutt
Cornet	Mr M Hind
Double Bass*	Mrs J Parsons
Drum Kit*	Mr L Cibrario
Flute	Miss M White
French horn*	Mr M Hind
Guitar	
(Acoustic & Electric)	Mr J Reed
(Classical & Bass)	Mr M Nisbet
Oboe*	TBC
Piano	Mr C Fay, Dr A Herbert, Miss R Luton, Mrs E Poppleton & Mrs H Sandu
Saxophone* (Alto & Tenor)	Miss S Scutt
Singing	Miss F Eldret, Mr J Ottaway, Mrs H Sandu & Miss M Williams
Trombone*	Mr M Hind
Trumpet*	Mr M Hind
Tuba*	Mr M Hind
Ukulele	Mr J Reed
Viola*	Ms R Fraser & Miss R Luton
Violin*	Ms R Fraser & Miss R Luton

*can be offered as group lessons, see below.

There are two types of lesson that can be signed up for:

One-to-one lessons – this is the most common type of lesson, with students learning as an individual in weekly lessons that last 30 minutes. These are available to students of any ability.

Group lessons – for students new to that instrument only, students learn as part of a group of either 2, 3 or 4 students at a proportionately reduced price. Optional subsidised instrument hire is included. Please note - this is a one-year deal only, after which students will change to one-to-one lessons. The instruments that can be offered as group lessons are indicated with an asterisk (*) above. Group lessons are not guaranteed, as they are subject to sufficient applications being made.

FEES

One-to-one lessons – the cost of instrumental tuition is £215.00 for 10 lessons per term. These fees are payable directly to the peripatetic music teacher and should be paid 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.

Group lessons – the cost is proportionately reduced depending on the number of students in the group. Prices will therefore range from £53.75 - £107.50 for a 10 lesson term. The final price will be confirmed to each student/parent once all applications are in. **Please note** – the group lessons deal is for a whole school year, so you will be expected to pay for 3 terms in total. As part of the group lessons deal we are also able to offer subsidised instrument hire at £20 for the whole academic year (excluding Drum Kit), subject to availability. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please indicate this on your application form.

The Pupil Premium Grant can be used to subsidise the cost of instrumental/singing lessons. For more information please visit: <https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/key-information-2/pupil-premium/>

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for instrumental or singing lessons in school please apply via the Microsoft Forms link below:

[INSTRUMENTAL/SINGING LESSONS APPLICATION FORM 2026/27 – Fill in form](#)

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

ASSISTED INSTRUMENT PURCHASE SCHEME

The Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS) enables pupils of local authority and academy schools to purchase musical instruments through their school net of VAT providing the sale to the student meets the criteria. Enquiries should be made to music@swgs.wilts.sch.uk.

If you have any queries, please email the Music Department at music@swgs.wilts.sch.uk.