



***Music School Instrumental Tuition
Information Booklet
Year 7 Intake: September 2025***

Music School Tuition Information

Tuition is available for all year groups in a wide variety of instruments

Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone

Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, Tenor Horn, Trombone, Euphonium & Tuba

Upper Strings: Violin & Viola

Guitar: Acoustic, Electric and Bass

Piano & Electric Keyboard

Drum kit

ABRSM Music Theory

Singing

Lessons

- **Format and frequency:** 30 one-to-one lessons per academic year split into three blocks of ten lessons.
- **Duration:** 20-minute lessons, during the school day.
- **Timetabling:**
 - **Years 7-11:** Lessons are on the same day weekly but rotated to minimize academic disruption.
 - **Sixth Form:** Lessons are scheduled at fixed times during non-curricular periods like study periods.
- **Timetable Display:** Timetables are posted on the Instrument Tuition Notice Board in the Music Department. Students must check regularly for updates.

Tuition Fees

- **Cost:** £457.50 for 30 lessons per academic year, invoiced at £152.50 per block of 10 lessons.
- **Payment Dates** (these may vary slightly through the academic year according to each tutor)
 - 31st July for Teaching Block One (starting September)
 - 1st November for Teaching Block Two (starting December)
 - 1st February for Teaching Block Three (starting March)
- **Additional Costs:** May include sheet music, examination entry, study materials, and consumables (e.g., reeds, strings).
- **Financial Assistance:** Available for looked-after children and students receiving pupil premium. Contact music tuition@combertonvc.org for confidential enquiries.

Enrolment:

Application deadline: please complete the online [Application Form](#) by Friday 4th July 2025.

FAQs

Instrument Hire: We have a few instruments available for pupil premium and LAC students. However, unfortunately, we are unable to offer instruments for hire but are happy to recommend Cambridge Pianoforte & Music Gallery – www.cambridgemusic.net or Wood, Wind & Reed – www.wwr.co.uk.

Instrument Storage: We have a secure cupboard in the music department with a number-coded lock. Ensure all instruments/cases are clearly labelled with name and tutor group. Instruments should not be left overnight and are stored at the owner's risk.

Extracurricular Days and Whole School Events: Lessons are scheduled to accommodate events like Curriculum Immersion days and the annual sponsored walk.

Tutor Absence: Notice will be posted on the Instrument Tuition Notice Board, and the lesson will be rescheduled.

Pupil Absence: For unexpected pupil absences from the lesson (where insufficient notice is given) we are unable to make up the time.

Conflicts with Lesson Times: For unavoidable clashes, lessons can be rescheduled with a least one week's notice. Short notice may not allow for rescheduling.

Mid-Year Applications: Applications are welcome at any time, but you may be placed on a waiting list.

Learning Multiple Instruments: Due to scheduling during the school day, students may only learn one instrument / voice through the music school.

Progress Reports: Formal reports are sent out in the summer term. Tutors may be contacted via lesson notebooks or email at any time.

Withdrawal from Lessons: Provide a minimum of five school weeks' written notice to the tutor. Payment commitments must be honoured for this notice period.

Extracurricular Activities: A wide range of activities is offered, with details available at the beginning of each term.

Terms and Conditions

Parental/Carer Responsibilities:

- Meet all payment commitments.
- Communicate payment concerns in writing to the instrument tutor and copy musictuition@combertonvc.org.
- Communicate timetable concerns to musictuition@combertonvc.org.
- Provide a minimum of five school weeks' written notice to discontinue tuition.
- Give at least one week's notice if a student is unable to attend a lesson / requesting a time change due to a timetable clash.
- Inform us of any change in contact details.

Student Responsibilities:

- Must check the timetable regularly (especially on the morning of a lesson), taking note when the lessons are scheduled.
- Attend all lessons promptly and be fully prepared.
- Notify staff of any queries or concerns.
- Give at least one week's notice of minor timetable changes.
- Practice regularly and thoroughly.

School/Tutor Responsibilities:

- Offer 30 lessons per academic year. Occasionally, it may be necessary to offer lessons via a digital platform such as Zoom.
- Recommend withdrawal of students who are not making progress or enjoying the course.
- Cancel lessons if payment remains outstanding after two email reminders.
- Reschedule lessons with sufficient notice of planned absences and timetable clashes.

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For any questions or further information, please contact musictuition@combertonvc.org.