

Instrumental Lessons in Dundalk Grammar School

Information

- **Covid '19:** Instrumental teachers will follow current HSE guidelines. Students and teachers will wear a mask during lessons and hand sanitizer will be used at the start and end of each lesson.
- Instrumental lessons cost €500 for the year.
- The fee for lessons will be split across two school bills. This fee is for 30 half hour private lessons with a specialist instrumental teacher.
- In signing up for instrumental lessons, it is understood that you are booking lessons for **the entire academic year.**
- <https://www.dgs.ie/arts/music-tuition/> School website which has information on instrumental tuition here in the school as well as the benefits of learning a musical instrument.
- Lessons for the most part take place during the school day. Senior school students' lessons will be rotated each week, so they are not coming out of the same subject. Where a student comes out of class to attend an instrumental lesson, the student should inform the subject teacher of where they are. It is the students' responsibility to catch up on work missed in that subject.
- In taking instrumental lessons, consideration should also be given to the student having sufficient time to practice each day as this is vital in order to progress well and make the most out of the lessons.
- Junior school students will have fixed lesson times as far as is possible to facilitate lessons in the Junior School.
- As our instrumental teachers are professional musicians, from time to time it may be necessary for them to change the day of their lessons. Students will be given as much notice of this as possible.
- Students taking instrumental or vocal lessons are expected to take part in extra-curricular music activities – Choir, Orchestra, Trad. Group, etc.
- Students can view their lesson times generally one week in advance (on the door of the room their lesson is in). If a lesson time does not suit a student due to a class test or such, the student may approach another student on the list to arrange a swap. If this is not possible, the students should see Ms. A. McGuire or contact their instrumental teacher directly.
- **Instrumental Rental:** If you wish to hire an instrument from the school, contact Ms. A. Mc Guire at music@dgs.ie to find out information about this.
- **Boarders:** You will be entitled to a half hour practice slot each evening – you must contact Ms. Mc Guire in order to arrange for a suitable time for this.
- **Instrumental storage:** When bringing an instrument to school it is important that this is done safely. Instruments should be in a case with a padlock keeping the zips together. Instruments should be

stored in A27 and not near any heat source. Instruments should not be stored in the school overnight where possible. Boarders should contact Ms. Mc Guire to arrange storage of their instruments.

- You must fill in and return this booking form each year in order to secure your lessons. In the event that a teacher is oversubscribed, a waiting list may apply. Preference may be given to students in the orchestra and choir. Nevertheless, it is our aim to accommodate everyone.

If you would like to book instrumental lessons you can e-mail this form to music@dgs.ie with 'instrumental lessons + name of student' as the subject line. If you are unable to attach a photograph or other format of this form, it is sufficient to type the information below into an email. Lessons must be booked each year as it is not assumed that students will continue from year to year.

Instrumental / Vocal Lessons Booking Form 2021 - 2022

Student Name:

Form / Class:

Instrument:

Instrument hire needed? Yes / No

Level:

(Beginner or number of years learning the instrument, or grade if applicable)

Instrument / Vocal Teacher: _____

(Fill this in if the student has already been taking lessons in the school, or has been referred to a specific teacher)

Boarder / Day student?

Declaration:

I would like to book lessons for the above-named student. I understand that I am booking lessons for the full school year and that the fee of €500 will be split across two school bills.

Signed:

Mobile:

(Parent / Guardian)

E-mail:

Date:
