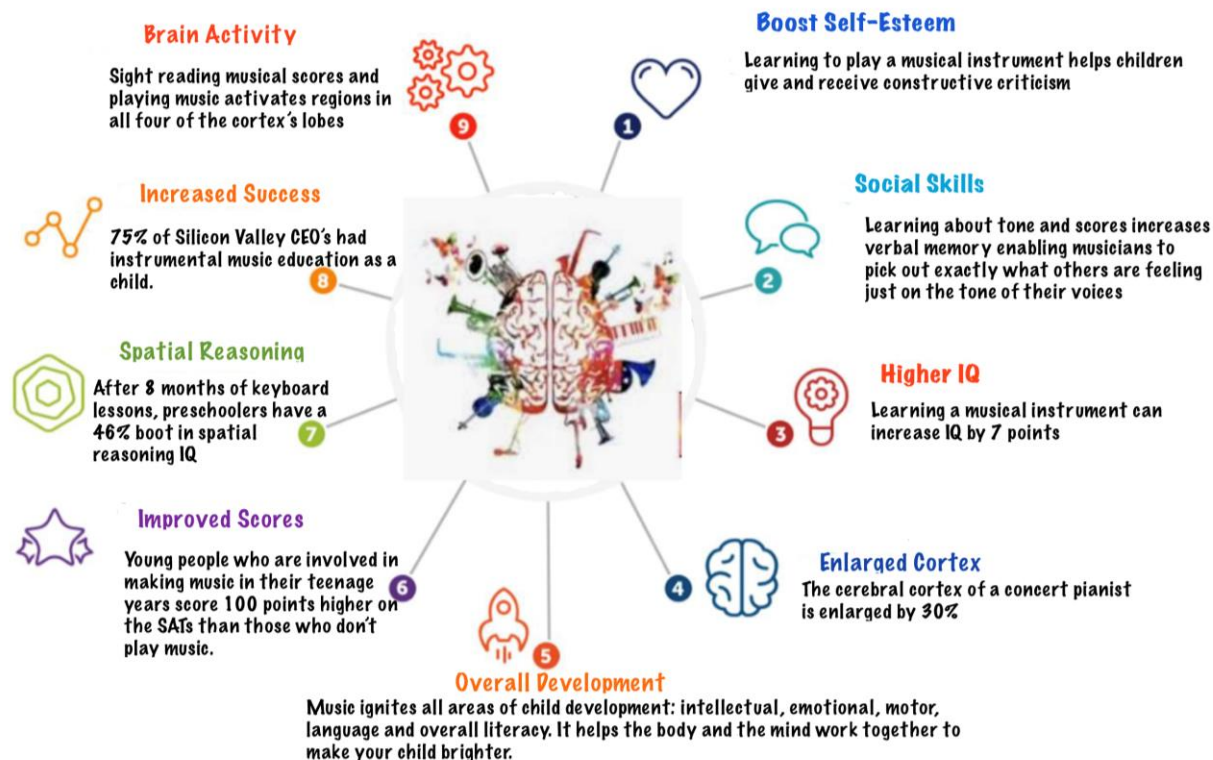


# Instrumental Lessons in Dundalk Grammar School 2023 – 2024 School Year

## The benefits of learning a musical instrument



Lessons are currently available on the following instruments:

*Piano, Organ, Violin, 'Cello, Guitar, Ukulele, Drumkit, Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Voice, Theory of Music.*

*If the instrument you are interested in learning is not listed, please contact [music@dgs.ie](mailto:music@dgs.ie)*

### Information

- Instrumental lessons cost €500 for the year.
- This fee is for 27 half hour private lessons with a specialist instrumental / vocal teacher.
- In booking instrumental lessons, it is understood that you are booking lessons for **the entire academic year.**
- 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 focused practice 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 contact their instrumental teacher directly as soon as possible.
- Instrumental Rental: If you wish to hire an instrument from the school, contact Ms. A. Mc Guire at [music@dgs.ie](mailto:music@dgs.ie) to find out information about this.
- Boarders will be entitled to a half hour practice slot each evening subject to availability – boarders must contact Ms. Mc Guire in order to arrange for a suitable time for this as soon as possible so that this timetable can be fixed and notified to teachers on prep.
- 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.
- 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.

**To book instrumental / vocal lessons for your child:**

Please e-mail Ms Aisling Mc Guire at [music@dgs.ie](mailto:music@dgs.ie). If there are lessons available, a link will be sent where you can set up a payment plan using the school's EPP system on the school website. Once this is complete, lessons can begin.

**Check out our other activities in the Music Department:**

**Choir, Orchestra, Trad Group, Rock Band, recording studio sessions**

**and of course our school musical which will take place in the Spring term 2024 – so it's not too late to get involved!**

