Dear Parent/Guardian

If you would like individual Music Lessons for your child, please fill out and sign the Music Lessons Booking Form, paying particular attention to the information regarding notice required for discontinuing lessons. Please return this form to Ms Caddick via the Junior School office for Junior School pupils, and Mr Bowyer for Senior School pupils.

Learning a musical instrument brings with it many benefits and can have a positive impact on a child’s general educational development and achievement. We are therefore keen to encourage pupils to have music lessons which we are offering from September 2022 at the rate of £20.50 per half hour.

**Use of School Instruments**

We have a number of wind, brass and stringed instruments, which pupils can use in the early stages of their studies. Instruments can be borrowed for free in the Junior School and there is a small termly hire charge of £30 (for most instruments) in the Senior School. Please contact your Director of Music for more information.

**Taster Lessons**

If you are interested in a free taster lesson on these or any other instruments, please simply email your Director of Music. We can also arrange a taster term, for which normal fees are payable, if your son or daughter is unsure about a longer term commitment. A taster term does not require half a term’s notice to stop lessons.

**Ensembles**

There is a wealth of musical activity in both Junior and Senior Schools including Choirs, Orchestras, Chamber Groups, Percussion Groups, Jazz Bands and Rock Bands. We aim to provide ensembles and performing opportunities to meet the needs of all pupils, from the enthusiastic beginner to the more advanced musician.

**Timetables**

Music lesson timetables are posted on-line each Monday morning onto Parent Portal and also displayed in Roberts Hall, the Senior School music department and in House areas.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions relating to music lessons at St Lawrence College.

Yours sincerely

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**Helen Caddick – Director of Junior School Music** ([hec@slcuk.com](mailto:hec@slcuk.com))

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| Pupil Name |  | | | | |  | Date of Birth |  | |
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| Year Group |  |  | Form |  |
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To help us organise the lessons for the term, please return this form to Ms Caddick via the Junior School office for Junior School pupils, and Mr Bowyer for Senior School pupils.

Pupils taking a musical instrument as an extra are given 10 half-hour lessons per term, at a cost of £20.50 per lesson.

If you would like a taster lesson, please email your Director of Music to arrange this.

**Please note that half a term’s notice in writing to the Director of Music (via email) is required if lessons are to be discontinued, otherwise half a term’s fee will be incurred in lieu of notice.**

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| Instrument | | Instrument | |
|  | Recorder |  | Viola |
|  | Flute |  | Cello |
|  | Oboe |  | Double Bass |
|  | Clarinet |  | Piano |
|  | Saxophone |  | Organ |
|  | Trumpet/Cornet |  | Drum Kit |
|  | French Horn |  | Acoustic Guitar |
|  | Trombone |  | Electric Guitar/Bass Guitar  (Senior School only) |
|  | Tuba/Euphonium |  | Harp |
|  | Violin |  | Singing |
|  |  |  | Accordion |

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**Please note that some Visiting Music teachers are employed by the school and their lessons are charged to the College account. Others, who are self-employed, bill parents directly, with lessons payable termly in advance.**

Lessons are taken on a weekly rotating timetable. Please note that due to the differing term lengths and the pressure of exams in the summer term, lessons are usually allocated thus: Michaelmas 11 lessons, Lent 11 Lessons, Summer 8 Lessons. Pupils are of course only billed for the weeks where a teacher is present but if a pupil knows he/she is to be missing, 24 hours’ notice is required, where possible. The College possesses several instruments for hire, many of which have recently been refurbished. Any accessories, such as reeds or strings, or any damage must be paid for. The Director of Music will order sheet music requested by the pupil and will automatically charge the amount to the bill. Reeds, strings or minor repairs will also be charged in this way.

If you have any queries, please contact the relevant Director of Music (e-mail: [jdb@slcuk.com](mailto:jdb@slcuk.com) or [hec@slcuk.com](mailto:hec@slcuk.com)) or Mrs T Wren, Finance Bursar (e-mail: [finance@slcuk.com](mailto:finance@slcuk.com)). College Telephone No: +44 (0)1843 808080