

Peripatetic Music Lessons at LVC

Welcome to Linton Village College Music Department

Music is for everyone at Linton Village College and we hope your child will find something here to inspire them and develop a positive relationship with music that will stay with them for the rest of their life.

We are very fortunate at LVC to have a dedicated peripatetic team offering lessons in almost every instrument:

Mr Gavin Bowyer - B Mus (Hons)	Brass
Mrs. Sarah Clark	Singing, music theatre
Mr. Dan Ecclestone - B Mus LLCM	Piano
Mrs Rachel Godsill - MA ARCM	Singing
Ms. Hannah Horton - B Mus (Hons), PG Dip, Adv PG Dip	Clarinet, saxophone, bassoon
Mrs. Helen Jukes - B Mus (Hons), MEd	Oboe
Mr. Gil Matthews	Guitar
Mrs. Emma Mason – BMus (Hons), PGCE, DipEd	Flute
Mr. Richard Partridge - MM, BMus, BSc	Violin, viola, ukulele, double bass
Ms. Alesha Racine – BA (Hons), PGCE, DipLCM	Piano
Mr. Louis Thorne - BSc (Hons)	Guitar, bass guitar
Mr. Andy Vellacott – DTLLS	Drums
Mrs. Abby Wollston - BA (Hons), ARCM, MA	Cello, music therapy

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place during the school day on a rotation system to ensure students do not miss the same timetabled lesson every week.

Our peripatetic team are self-employed and set their own rate of pay. This is based around the Musician's Union minimum teaching rate which works out at £180 for a 30 minute lesson (10x 30minutes@ £18). We also offer 20 minute lessons for piano (beginners and grade ½ level only). Please email helen.fenn@lvc.org if you would like to know more.

Here at LVC we undertake to:

- provide 30 lessons spread across the academic year, invoicing you at the start of each term.
- provide a replacement lesson at another time if the tutor is absent. However if the student is absent, no refund or replacement can be offered. In case of planned absence (eg. school trip) tutors will reschedule the lesson provided a week's notice is given.
- email you if your child's attendance is causing concern.
- provide you with a formal written report annually to update you on your child's progress.

Conditions for Tuition

1. You will be invoiced termly by the instrumental tutor. Please pay the invoice promptly by the date stated.
2. **If you wish to discontinue lessons you should give a term's notice.** Please contact the individual tutor before the end of the half term for which you are currently paying, otherwise you will be liable to pay for tuition for the following term.

Learning to play an instrument develops discipline and independence. Students are responsible for catching up on any classwork missed and should arrange to swap lessons with another student if there is a test or exam coming up. They are expected to be on time for their lessons, to look after their instrument and to practise it regularly.

Instruments

Students are responsible for obtaining their own musical instrument, although we do have some instruments available to borrow free of charge, currently cello and clarinet. Advice on rental or purchase is willingly given by the Director of Music or by the Instrumental Music Teacher concerned. Parents are also able to take advantage of the Assisted Purchase Scheme which enables them to buy musical instruments through the school without paying VAT. Further details may be sought from the finance office. Please contact helen.fenn@lvc.org.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept responsibility for instruments lost or damaged whilst on College premises and HIGHLY RECOMMEND that you insure the instrument as a special item on your home contents policy. If you are hiring or borrowing a school instrument you are responsible for insuring it if the instrument is taken home.

Please make sure that details of your child's name and tutor group are kept in or on the music case. There is a dedicated instrument store cupboard in the music block which is locked and alarmed at 4pm.

Concerts and Ensembles

We offer a wide range of ensemble opportunities at LVC which we hope to get going again next year, COVID permitting.

The college Symphonic Wind Orchestra tours every two years (Barcelona 2015, Croatia 2017, Lake Garda 2019) We also hold ABRSM examinations twice a year and Grade 5 theory in February. Getting involved with concerts and ensembles will develop your child's musicianship immeasurably, and we expect students taking lessons to get involved with our extra-curricular programme, taking part in at least one ensemble.

In order for our ensembles to be consistently successful, and to maintain high standards, attendance must be high. Here at LVC members of our ensembles are dedicated and they commit to regular attendance. Weekly registers are kept, and if your child needs to miss a rehearsal for a valid reason (e.g. medical appointment) your child must notify their ensemble leader either in person or via email at least 24 hours in advance.

Throughout the school year the Music Department hold several concerts, mainly the Carol Concert in December and the Summer Soiree in June, and musicians are expected to prioritise these events over other commitments as far as possible. If your child is involved in a concert you will receive a letter asking for consent, you will be asked to give consent via a sQuid online offer in the trips & offers purse and this represents a firm commitment to each concert or event.

Enrolment Process

If you would like to enrol your child for lessons, please go to the school online payment system, Squid, complete the form and pay the £20 enrolment fee.

The enrolment fee enables the music department to purchase music for extra-curricular use and to pay instrumental music teachers to run ensembles.

Once the enrolment form has been processed your child's instrumental teacher will contact you directly (usually in the first week of September) to inform you of the day and time of the lesson. Your child can check their lesson time each week by looking on the notice board in the music department. The lesson will be on the same day each week.

For September, please enrol by Friday 16th July 2021.

It is possible to start lessons at any point in the year, subject to availability. If this is the case, please contact helen.fenn@lvc.org for the enrolment fee to be put on the online payment system.

Finally...

We do hope that your child will enjoy learning to play their chosen instrument. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, or if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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