

# Instrumental Lessons at Codsall Middle School



# Instruments

- We offer a range of instrument lessons here at CMS.
- The following are the instruments that are currently taught:
  - Guitar
  - Strings (violins)
  - Drums
  - Piano/Keyboard
  - **Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)**
  - **Brass (trumpet, euphonium, tenor horn)**

Please note: Woodwind and Brass lessons are currently being taught online during the evenings, due to Covid restrictions

# Costs

- Each term is paid for at the **START OF EACH TERM** (no later than second lesson)
- Lessons are £6.75 each, and you pay for a block of ten lessons at a time (£67.50)
- You pay the instrumental teacher directly - with any cheques made out to them (not to CMS)
- Lessons are likely to be taught in groups of two pupils

# Our Teachers (see videos on website!)

(please take note, so you know who to make cheques payable to)

- Mr S Kirby - Strings, Piano & Keyboard
- Mrs L Curtis- Woodwind (Cheques to 'Windworks')
- Mr M Onions - Guitar
- Mr Jarvis - Drums
- Mr Gibson - Brass

# Hire of instruments

- Should you need to hire an instrument, we have a stock here at school (we do not hire out guitars, drums or keyboards)
- New players may be put on a waiting list if they need to hire an instrument which we do not currently have available.
- If you have your own instrument, this may speed up how long you are on the waiting list.
- We encourage all existing players, who have played for over a year to consider purchasing their own instruments.

# Hire costs - pay to school

- Violin - £10 per term
- Trumpet, Flute, Clarinet, Euphonium, other brass - £15 per term
- Saxophone - £25 per term
  
- As soon as an instrument has been allocated for your child, please go to ParentPay to pay for that term.
  
- Following the first term, please pay automatically at the start of each term.

# Practicalities

## Days & Times

- Guitar - Tuesdays and Thursdays (*whilst Covid restrictions are in place*)
- Strings/Keyboard/Piano - Monday & Wednesday
- Drums - Friday
  
- Brass & Woodwind evening lesson times arranged privately.

Lessons take place during the normal school day. Timetables rotate as much as possible, so students do not come out of the same lesson each week.

Please appreciate however, that our instrumental staff are only in for a certain amount of time, therefore it is very likely that students may miss more of certain lessons.

# INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AGREEMENT

## General Agreement for Instrumental Lessons:

- I agree to pay £67.50 **at the start of** ten lessons during the current school term. I understand that this fee will not be refunded in any circumstances.
- I will endeavour to ensure the student is present at all lessons, is properly equipped and able to receive tuition. If the student cannot attend a lesson for any reason it is their responsibility to notify the instrument teacher **in advance** in order to try and reschedule the lesson. In any circumstances where the student cannot receive tuition as scheduled there is no guarantee that the lesson will be made available at a later date and this is entirely at the discretion of the instrument teacher .
- I understand that I will be responsible for the cost of any instrument consumables and music accessories as described by the instrument teacher and will provide the same at their request.
- Should my child decide not to continue with lessons, I will write to the teacher. I understand that fees are non-refundable.
- My child will adhere to current Covid restrictions as specified in the instrument lessons letter.



# Hire of Instruments Agreement

## General Agreement for instrument hire:

- I agree to pay in advance the cost for hire during the current school term. I understand that this fee will not be refunded in any circumstances and the instrument cannot be taken home until the fee is paid.
- I understand that the instrument remains the property of Codsall Middle School and I will return it at any point on request of the instrument teacher or other school staff.
- I am fully responsible for the care of the instrument and will arrange and pay for the full cost of any replacement or repair. Before arranging replacement or repair I will seek and follow the advice of the instrument teacher.
- I understand that after a year, we will be encouraged to purchase our own instrument in order to allow others to hire school instruments