

## A Guide to Music Lessons at The King's School

The information below is provided for parents to understand how music lessons work at The King's School. With over 400 instrumental lessons taking place in the Music Department each week, organising lessons is complex and it is important that parents and, specifically, pupils know when lessons take place.

- Peripatetic teachers at The King's School are self-employed. When lessons begin it is important that there is a contract between teacher and parent. The contract will be supplied by the teacher. Details in the contract should include the following 2 points:
  - The termly fee for instrumental lessons this year will be £218 per term payable in advance
  - Over the course of the year, it is expected that 30 lessons will be taught. Please refer to the contract for more information on this.
- Under normal circumstances all communications regarding instrumental lessons should be between the teacher and the parents. More complex issues should be referred to The Director of Music.
- Instrumental lessons will take place on a rotational basis each week. All pupils must contact their academic teacher via email in advance requesting permission to be absent. Sixth Formers cannot miss academic lessons and must be taught in study periods.
- The school possesses a small number of instruments for hire. Please speak to your teacher or the Assistant Director of Music for further information regarding availability and terms and conditions.
- Progress will only be made with regular practice. The amount of weekly practice will vary from pupil to pupil and advice should be sought from the instrumental teacher. It is important that parents encourage regular practice at home.
- Pupils should be encouraged to take part in the various ensembles and choirs on offer at school. Playing in a group is one of the best forms of developing musical skills.
- Due to the self-employed nature of peripatetic teachers, instrumental reports will not be written as part of the school report writing process. However, termly communication between the teacher and parent about the child's progress is to be encouraged.