

## Music at Toynee School

Music has the power to

Stimulate  
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Unite  
Inspire

The Music Department at Toynee School has a flourishing, enriching extracurricular programme. Educational research continues to demonstrate that pupils who have instrumental/singing lessons achieve higher standards in school across the curriculum.

We have a full, varied and exciting timetable of weekly ensemble rehearsals, and our pupils enjoy a broad range of performance opportunities. We do expect pupils to take part in these enriching groups to supplement their learning experience.

Pupils, progress through Grade and Hampshire Stage exams and the display boards in the Music area demonstrate the high levels of progress our pupils are making. In addition to instrumental lessons, we also run an after school Grade 5 Theory class, which prepares pupils for both higher grade exams and Music at 6<sup>th</sup> form college.

Instrumental and Singing lessons are taught by Toynee staff and visiting peripatetic teachers. All our staff work really hard to ensure that pupils are well taught and inspired to make excellent progress.

Instrumental/Singing lessons take place during the school day and last for 20 minutes. Your son/daughter will follow an instrumental lesson timetable, which will ensure that he/she is not coming out of the same curriculum lesson each week. Parents sometimes worry that attending music lessons will cause their child to fall behind with their progress in other subjects. Educational research continues to demonstrate that pupils who learn a musical instrument tend to do better academically in all subject areas.



At Toynee, we believe every child should have access to instrumental/singing lessons. To support this, we have maintained a very competitive price for lessons:

**GCSE Music Pupils in Years 10 and 11** **£180 per annum**

**Key Stage 3 Pupils and Key Stage 4 not taking Music** **£300 per annum**

You may pay by cash, cheque or online, instructions are on the attached reply slip. Payment at the start of the school year for the full amount or 3 forward dated cheques for £60 or £100 respectively.

Our instrumental/singing staff are contracted from September to the end of the following summer term. Ideally, your son/daughter should book lessons for a whole year. If you do decide to stop lessons before the end of the year, providing you have given sufficient notice, refunds will be considered. We will still have to pay the visiting teacher, so please try to encourage your child to continue learning until the end of the year.

It is not unusual for Year 7 pupils to take some time adjusting to checking their lesson times, and, learning to excuse themselves from the relevant curriculum lessons. At school we work hard to help with this transition, and find it helpful if parents also remind their child about attending their lessons.

We currently offer the following instrumental lessons:

Piano	Violin	Flute
Keyboard	Recorder	Clarinet
Guitar	Trumpet	Saxophone
Bass Guitar	Singing	Drums
Trombone	Euphonium	

Please feel free to talk to Miss Parrott in the Music Department if you would like further information – [t.parrot@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:t.parrot@toynbee.hants.sch.uk)

I understand that if my child gives up peripatetic lessons, I must give the school written notice, or I will forfeit the next half terms payments.

I agree to my child attending extra-curricular lessons and any concerts that are put on by the school.