

Isle of Wight Council
Music Service

Guidelines for

Instrumental

Music

Tuition

2008/2009



1. Availability of tuition

The IWMS guarantees a minimum of thirty visits in a school year for instrumental lessons, although many pupils in fact receive rather more than this. Parents need to be aware though that staff are involved in workshops, concerts and examinations at certain times of the year and that *some* lessons *may* not be available as a result.

Tuition is mainly organized in small groups although a certain amount of individual tuition may be available. Lessons are of a minimum duration of 20 minutes although many group lessons are longer.

Tuition is provided by qualified specialist teachers for all orchestral and band instruments in addition to singing, including violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, trombone, tuba, french horn, tenor horn, percussion, recorder.

2. Selection procedures

Instrumental staff consult with school-based (music) staff before short-listing potential pupils. Factors such as interest and enthusiasm, physical suitability for learning a particular instrument, parental support and the availability of instruments are all taken into account.

3. Programmes of study

Instrumental tuition is delivered in accordance with national guidelines. Students follow a comprehensive programme of study comprising a detailed and structured scheme of work closely linked with the National Curriculum for music, taking pu-

pils from the very first lesson through to an advanced level.

At certain stages pupils are able to take (free of charge) the following practical examinations which are carried out on behalf of schools by the Music Service:

IWMS Grade 1 Music Award (equivalent to Associated Board Grade 1)

IWMS Grade 2 Music Award (equivalent to Associated Board Grade 2)

IWMS Grade 3 Music Award (equivalent to Associated Board Grade 3)

4. Commitment from pupils

At any time during the school year parents can contact instrumental staff through their child's school. There are additional opportunities for parents to meet instrumental staff in person at regional parents' evenings based at local high schools.

Tuition is given on the understanding that pupils accept the following commitments:

- (i) Regular and punctual attendance at lessons and observance of easy to remember rules displayed in teaching areas.
- (ii) Regular and effective practice between lessons. Practice diaries are available from the teacher.
- (iii) Whenever possible support should be given to school musicmaking and the activities of the Isle of Wight Music Centre.
- (iv) Lessons should be given exclusively by IWMS staff as there are often conflicts of teaching methods and work set by different teachers. Parents are though encouraged to provide pupils with assistance over practice as long as such help in no way conflicts with IWMS programmes of study or imposes additional workloads.

Lessons may be terminated if, in the opinion of the instrumental teacher and following consultation with the music teacher at the school, any of the above criteria are not met. The decision of the Head of Music Service is final in this respect.

5. Costs

Instrumental tuition in schools receives a substantial subsidy from the DCSF. The remaining cost is usually passed on to parents by schools, from whom further information can be obtained, but charges are made directly to parents in some schools.

Shortage Instrument Subsidies

The IWMS offers free tuition (plus free instrument loan) for the first year of lessons on viola, cello, double bass, oboe, bassoon, trombone, tuba, euphonium and French Horn.

Remission scheme/subsidies for GCSE/'A' Level music students

Whilst schools are responsible for arrangements for financial support for public examination students, the IWMS is able to provide (subject to documentary evidence) additional subsidy for pupils in financially disadvantaged circumstances (typically £10 per term).

Further details of both the above subsidies are available from schools, IWMS staff and from the address at the end of this leaflet.

Music and accessories

Whilst tuition is subsidised it is assumed that in most cases parents will wish to provide children with their own music to keep. This will naturally incur an occasional expense as and when necessitated by the child's progress. In addition it should be borne in mind that, whether the instrument be a pupil's own property or that of the IWMS or the school, he or she will be responsible for the replacement of broken strings, damaged reeds etc. as the need arises. (All IWMS instruments are issued in working order).

External Examinations

Should pupils make good progress beyond IWMS Grade 3 standard it may well be in their interest to take occasional external examinations such as those set by the Associated Board of the Royal

Schools of Music or Trinity Guildhall, involving parents in expenses with regard to entry fees and possibly accompanist's time.

Instrumental staff will ensure that parents are consulted at an early stage by using a pre-printed letter and reply slip. No entry will be made for an external examination before parental permission has been obtained in writing and arrangements for an accompanist have been made.

6. Instrumental hire scheme

A limited number of instruments owned by the IWMS is available for hire to pupils for their first year(s) of study with IWMS staff, after which time parents are encouraged to provide a similar instrument for their child on which to continue. IWMS instruments are allocated by instrumental teachers in consultation with school music staff.

More expensive instruments are available for longer periods of time in accordance with the following guidelines :-

Instrument	*Years (max.)	*Hire fee (£ / term)
Violin, viola	1	£8
Flute, clarinet, Trumpet, cornet	1	£12
Saxophone, tenor horn, trombone	2	£12
Cello, double bass, euphonium	3	£12
Oboe, French horn	3	£14
Tuba	4	£14
Bassoon	5	£14

*In cases of genuine financial hardship (for which documentary evidence may be requested) the hire period and/or termly charge may be adjusted or waived altogether.

Completed hire agreement forms (available from instrumental staff) *should be returned to IWMS staff at school* for forwarding to the Guildhall accompanied by payment slips and a stamped addressed envelope for receipts. Payments for second and subse-

quent terms should be made by half term to avoid costly reminders. The IWMS also operates a Direct Debit scheme (further details available on 821000). In addition to those instruments owned by the IWMS it should be noted that many schools also possess a number of their own and operate parallel local hire schemes. For further information concerning the availability of such instruments please contact the music teacher at your child's school.

7. Musical Instrument Assisted Purchase Scheme

As part of our service to pupils receiving instrumental tuition at LEA schools we are able to provide the opportunity of purchasing instruments free of VAT. To qualify for this scheme pupils must be studying the instrument in school as part of a national curriculum course (Music) and must use the instrument in school during normal school hours at least once a week.

Tax exemption obviously represents a considerable saving, especially when educational discounts are taken into account. A deposit of approximately 50% of the expected purchase price (including a 5% administration charge) is required on ordering, the balance becoming due within 28 days of the supply of the instrument. Please contact your child's instrumental teacher at school for further details of price and availability and an application form.

8. Senior county music awards and bursaries

Each year the Isle of Wight Council offers, subject to a successful audition (held twice a year), a limited number of full Awards providing five hours of free individual tuition per term outside school and Bursaries providing up to £25 towards the cost of tuition in or outside school to pupils from maintained schools who show and continue to show evidence of substantial musical ability and commitment. This scheme is intended as a natural exten-

sion of arrangements for instrumental tuition in schools, and is based upon the understanding that no additional tuition will be given by another teacher on the same instrument. Full details are in a separate leaflet available from the address at the end of this booklet.

9. Isle of Wight Music Centre

Pupils beyond the absolute beginner stage (except percussionists who need to have reached Grade 2 standard) become eligible for membership of the Isle of Wight Music Centre. Attendance is conditional upon members participating in and contributing to the musical activities of their own schools. The Music Centre caters for those who have reached the required standards for the various bands and orchestras from Junior to County level and who seek additional opportunities in their leisure time. Full information is always available in the Music Centre's annual brochure.

10. Further information

For more information about instrumental music in Isle of Wight Council maintained schools please contact:

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