

ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC SERVICE

For Pupils

Instrumental Tuition

We provide 300 hours of instrumental and singing tuition each week to approximately 2100 pupils at 65 primary, middle, special and high schools on the Island, representing some 12% of the total school population.

We employ qualified and specialist teachers for all orchestral and band instruments in addition to singing, including :

<i>Violin</i>	<i>Flute</i>	<i>Trumpet</i>	<i>Percussion</i>
<i>Viola</i>	<i>Piccolo</i>	<i>Trombone</i>	<i>Keyboard</i>
<i>Cello</i>	<i>Oboe</i>	<i>Tuba</i>	<i>Recorder</i>
<i>Double Bass</i>	<i>Clarinet</i>	<i>French Horn</i>	<i>Guitar</i>
	<i>Saxophone</i>	<i>Tenor Horn</i>	
	<i>Bassoon</i>		

Programmes of study are being developed which closely follow the Federation of Music Services "Common Approach" national guidelines for instrumental tuition and the Music Service conducts its own practical examinations (for which no charge is currently made) on behalf of LEA schools.

Although many staff are involved in programmes of workshops and concerts to schools, examinations and in-service training, *all of which are of benefit to pupils*, the IWMS nevertheless guarantees a minimum of thirty visits in a school year for instrumental lessons. Many pupils in fact receive rather more than this.

Many of our staff teach both at schools and at the Isle of Wight Music Centre.

Isle of Wight Music Centre

The Isle of Wight Music Centre aims to cater for those young people who have reached the required standards and who seek opportunities for music-making in their leisure time in addition to those provided at school. Weekly activities are organised at Medina High School in Newport on Saturdays in term time and at occasional long-weekend vacation courses.

There are twelve ensembles :

Isle of Wight Youth Symphony Orchestra
Isle of Wight Youth Wind Band
Isle of Wight Youth Stage Band
Isle of Wight Youth Choir
Music Centre Orchestra
Music Centre Wind Band
Foundation Wind Band
Junior String Orchestra
Beginner Strings
Junior Choir
Recorder Ensembles
Keyboards

in addition to tuition to Music Theory classes

Senior groups regularly participate in a programme of foreign tours and exchanges.

Fees

Instrumental tuition in schools receives a substantial subsidy both from the Isle of Wight Council and the Department for Education and Skills. A proportion of the remaining cost is usually passed on by schools to parents. The exact figure varies from school to school and from year to year. Fuller details of current costs can be found in the "Guidelines for Instrumental Music Tuition" leaflet available from schools and from the music office.

Remission Scheme

Whilst schools are responsible for arrangements for financial support for public examinations students, the Music Service is able to provide (subject to documentary evidence) additional subsidy for pupils in financially disadvantaged circumstances. Further details are available from schools, IWMS staff and from the music office.

Shortage instrument subsidies

The Music Service offers free tuition (including free instrument loan) for the first year of lessons on lower strings (all schools) and on double reed (first year) and some brass (first term) in middle and high schools.

There is also a small annual subscription for membership of the Isle of Wight Music Centre bands, orchestras and choirs, with additional subsidised

charges for classes and workshops. Users of the school buses to and from the centre pay a nominal charge which is substantially lower than the equivalent public transport fare. Full details can be found in the Isle of Wight Music Centre brochure available from schools and from the music office.

Instrument Hire scheme

The Music Service has a stock of instruments for hire to pupils at attractive rates. Enquiries regarding availability should be made via the pupil's instrumental teacher at school. Full details can be found in the "Guidelines for Instrumental Tuition" leaflet available from schools or from the music office.

Instrument Purchase scheme

The Music Service has an assisted purchase scheme whereby pupils are able to acquire instruments tax-free and benefit from educational discounts.

Senior County Music Awards and Bursaries

Twice a year, subject to a successful audition, a limited number of awards are made enabling pupils from maintained schools who show evidence of substantial musical ability and commitment to receive five hours of free tuition per term outside school (full awards) or up to £25 per term towards the costs of tuition in or outside school (bursaries). Further details may be found in a separate leaflet available from the music office.

For Schools

Solent Music Project

This joint initiative with Southampton and Portsmouth Music Services is supported by the DfES Music Standards Fund. Major world music resources are available on a carousel basis to schools in the three authorities, along with regular professional in-service training from world music specialists, including :-

- Javanese gamelan
- African drums
- South Asian drums
- Caribbean steel pans

In addition the Isle of Wight Music Service possess its own sets of samba equipment, mini steel pans, mini African drums and a small Balinese *gamelan anklung*. Future plans include extending the availability of our world music resources to include community access through the refurbishment of our resource base at Sandown Town Hall.

The Solent Music Project also provides regular joint in-service training sessions for instrumental teachers in the three authorities and an annual conference for all 180 central and school-based music staff (hosted by the IW Music Service in October 2002).

Primary School Classroom Music Support

Curriculum support is available from specialist teachers by way of weekly or fortnightly sessions in partnership with school-based class teachers. Schools are invited to buy-in assistance in respect of specific areas of National Curriculum music including singing, composing, percussion and notation at both Key Stages 1 and 2.

Workshops and Concerts

We offer interactive performance-based workshops in large ensembles and individual instrumental 'family' groups to Primary, Middle and Special schools. A modest charge is made to schools for this service.

Resource Library

We have a substantial library of orchestral, band and choral music in addition to classroom curriculum support materials, all of which can be made available to schools and individuals by arrangement.

Piano Tuning and Maintenance

Piano tuning and repairs are available to schools through the Music Service.

Special Projects

Occasional input is available to schools through our links with other professional musical organisations. Schools will be notified of the availability of such programmes of work.

Other aspects of IWMS provision are more fully described in the following separate leaflets available from the music office :

Guidelines for Instrumental Tuition

Isle of Wight Music Centre

Senior County Music Awards

Additional help and advice on any aspect of Isle of Wight Music Service activities is always available from the music office at the following address :-

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