



# INSTRUMENTAL TUITION OPTIONS 2012 Years 5 to 8

**Boys in Years 1 to 4 are able to have instrumental tuition, in consultation with the Music Director, Teacher and Parents.**

It is preferred that lessons are held out of formal classroom time for boys in Years 1 to 4. Lessons will be held during interval/lunchtime/before school/afterschool.

- Information from the Music Director
- Commonly asked questions
- A note to the boys
- Application Form

Dear Parents,

In this booklet are outlined the instrumental tuition options for your son, along with answers to questions you may have.

We offer an extensive instrumental tuition programme at Medbury. Boys who take advantage of this opportunity can become an important part of the Orchestra, Concert Band, Chamber Group, Jazz and Rock Bands and other such musical presentations.

Please discuss these options with your son, complete the Application Form and return it to the school office by Monday 28 November.

**Learning an instrument is not easy – it requires commitment, self-discipline and determination.**

- **What instrument can my son learn?**

At Medbury we are able to offer tuition in the following.

Cello, Clarinet, Cornet, Drum, Fife, Flute, Guitar – electric, bass and classical, French Horn, Music Theory, Piano - classical and jazz, Recorder, Saxophone, Sibelius Music Notation, Trombone, Trumpet, Viola, Violin.

- **How old should my son be before he begins learning an instrument?**

There is no hard and fast rule about the age when a boy should begin lessons. Readiness for music tuition should be in consultation with the Music Director, Teacher and Parents.

- **What instrument should my son learn?**

Music Staff are very happy to give advice on, or to suggest an instrument that would be suitable for your son.

- **Can I hire instruments from the school?**

Firstly, it is important that your son has an instrument on which he can practise. The school has some instruments for hire and Music Staff are happy to answer queries or to give advice on the purchase or hire of instruments. Boys who hire school instruments will be charged \$10 per term, which is added to the lesson fees at the end of each term.

Boys who use a school instrument are encouraged to purchase their own the following year, to give other boys the opportunity of using a school instrument.

- **When are the lessons?**

Itinerant teachers are employed between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.30pm. Lessons are of a 30-minute duration. The boys are rotated each week on the timetable to ensure, where possible, time out of class changes regularly.

- **How will my son know when his lesson is?**

Timetables are emailed to all classes each morning. A hard copy is displayed on the Music Junior, Middle and Senior Notice boards. Tutors will also email you each week with their personal timetable. Parents are asked to assist by ensuring boys bring their instruments and music on their designated day.

- **What happens when my son's lesson clashes with a school or class activity?**

The tutor is informed of our weekly timetable and may arrange an alternative time to suit. Tutors can also accommodate other 'outside' commitments given prior notification.

- **What happens if my son does not turn up for his lesson?**

If we are informed that the boy is absent from school and will not be attending his lesson (a phone-call or email to the office or to his tutor is all that is required) he will not be charged.

If a boy forgets and does not turn up for his lesson he will be charged for that lesson.

- **What should I do if my son does not want to continue learning an instrument?**

It is very easy for the boys to decide that learning the instrument they have chosen is “Just too hard”.

We believe that they need to give themselves and the instrument time - they may not meet with instant success, but with time and input into their instrument, they will see/hear an improvement.

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To avoid the boys giving up before ‘giving the lessons a chance’, at Medbury we ask that they learn for at least two terms before lessons are terminated.

We look to you for support in this area and ask that should you have any problems regarding your son’s instrumental tuition, in the first instance you contact his tutor.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact the Music Director who will be happy to discuss these with you.

- **Can my son give up during a term?**

At Medbury a boy may not stop lessons during a term. He should continue until the end of the term.

- **Who do I inform that my son will not be continuing with his tuition?**

Please inform the Music Director if you do not wish your son to continue his lessons.

NB: Not your son’s tutor.

- **How much is the tuition fee?**

Tuition fees are approximately \$27 per half hour lesson; however, this does vary slightly between tutors. The tuition fee is added to your son’s school account. An administration fee of \$15 per term is also added.

- **What is the role of a parent when a boy learns an instrument?**

Learning an instrument is a partnership between the boy, his tutor and you his parent or guardians, and as such it is important that you have the time and motivation to nurture your son’s musical progress. You don’t need to be able to play yourself but you do need to have the patience and the time to sit with him and encourage him in establishing his home practice routine.

- **How do I enrol my son for instrumental lessons?**

Discuss with your son which instrument he would like to learn, complete the Application Form and return it to the school office by Monday 28 November.

Please email me if your son is in Years 1 to 4 to discuss his options.

Your tutor will be in contact with you by email in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Chrissie Badger

Director of Music

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# A NOTE TO THE BOYS

Boys undertaking regular tuition please read the following carefully.

1. Your lesson times are published on the music and senior school notice boards, and emailed to your class.
2. You are expected to turn up to your lesson on time.
3. You must contact your tutor before a missed lesson, whether it is because of sickness or a trip away.  
If you have sport it may be possible to change your lesson time with another boy, **but inform your tutor first.**
4. **Tutors must be informed if you are unable to attend your lesson, otherwise you will be charged.**
5. You are able to place your instrument in the storage room opposite the Music Director's office on the **day of your lesson.** Please make ensure your case is named and you collect it at 3.20pm.
6. You are fortunate to have the use of these facilities and have excellent tutors – please treat them with respect.
7. You may use the studios to practise in from 3.20pm if they are not in use, but you need to check with Mrs. Badger as to what rooms are available.

**You are expected to make the best use of your opportunities, by working hard for your tutor and doing your practice regularly.**

Regards,

Mrs Badger  
Director of Music  
Medbury School



# APPLICATION FORM FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION 2012

Son's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level (2012) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the instrument you would like your son to learn.

## INSTRUMENTAL TUTORS:

Mr. Guy deLacey	CLARINET	SAXOPHONE		
Mr. Antonio Dimitrov	TRUMPET	CORNET		
	TROMBONE	FRENCH HORN		
Mrs. Pippa Mills	VIOLIN	VIOLA		
Ms Susan Gill	FLUTE			
Mr. Francis Yapp	CELLO			
Mr. Andrew Couper	DRUMMING			
Mrs. Jean Cumming	CLASSICAL PIANO			
Ms. Melanie Chua	JAZZ PIANO			
Mr. Dougal Canard	GUITAR			
Mr. Dave Crossen	GUITAR			
Mr. Matthew Stockwell	GUITAR			
Mrs. Julie Gaudin	RECORDER	FIFE	FLUTE	PIANO
	MUSIC THEORY	SIBELIUS MUSIC NOTATION		

Does your son have his own instrument?                      YES                      NO (please circle)

I give my son permission to learn an instrument.  
I have read the booklet and understand what is expected from my son's involvement in the Medbury Instrumental Tuition Programme.

Signature of Parent or Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_