



RE: MUSIC TUITION AT DCP

DCP are pleased to inform parents/guardians about the exciting opportunity pupils have in learning a musical instrument at DCP. Through our school's collaboration with the Education Authority's Music Service along with our dedicated private instrumental tutors we are pleased to be able to enrich pupils learning experience.

➤ **WHY LEARN AN INSTRUMENT?**

Personal Growth: Students learn to express emotions improve concentration and perseverance while working collaboratively and building upon self-confidence.

Academic Benefits: Music education supports cognitive development and problem-solving.

Future Opportunities: Your child may pursue further education in music or media industry careers.

Enrichment: Students are provided with skills that enrich their leisure time and potential career paths.

Social Engagement: Students can meet new friends through choirs, orchestras, or bands. Extra-Curricular music activities at DCP include:

- Junior Choir (Yr 8 – 10)
- Intermediate Choir (Yr 11/12)
- Senior Choir (Yr 11 – 14)
- Senior Chamber Choir (Yr 11 – 14)
- Traditional group (Yr 8 – 14)
- String/Wind Ensemble (Yr 8 – 14)
- Guitar Ensemble (Yr 8 – 14)
- Tin Whistle Club (Yr 8 – 14)

➤ **ABOUT THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM at DCP**

Instrument Loan Service: For pupils who want to pursue guitar, bass guitar and piano then it is usual that the pupil has an instrument of their own that they can practice on. However, orchestral instruments can be loaned at an annual fee of £35 (violin and viola) or £50 (all other instruments), with repair services included.

Lesson Cost: EA tuition fees are part subsidised by the school. Payments can be made at a variety of times in the year (arranged with school bursar) and will likely cost around £230 to £250 per pupil per annum. Payment to private tutors is normally monthly at a cost of £13 per lesson. This is organised by the tutor. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify accordingly.

Qualified Tutors: Lessons are provided by experienced, qualified instrumental tutors during term time (33 weeks per year approx) and tuition is available across a wide range of orchestral instruments:

- Upper Strings/Traditional Group (Mr S. Turner)
- Lower Strings/String Group (Mrs G. Reid)
- Woodwind/Wind Group (Mr A. McCubbin)
- Brass/Wind Group (Mrs J. McDermott)
- Piano (Mrs A. Campbell)
- Singing (Miss N. Rodgers)
- Singing/Piano (Mrs N Hyndman)
- Guitar/Bass guitar (Mr Iveson)
- Drums (Mr Owens)

CONTINUING WITH LESSONS: If your child is continuing with lessons with our tutors from last year their names are already included and their tutor will look forward to seeing them again in the new term. If your child receives tuition at primary school then these lessons will continue at Dominican. If their particular teacher is not allocated teaching time at Dominican, then your child will start with a new tutor. Continuing pupils do not need to complete a registration, their teachers will arrange a lesson time at the start of the school year.

GETTING STARTED: If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, if you have any questions or wish to register your child for instrumental tuition, please contact the school at your earliest convenience. Please be aware that tuition may take place during school hours (from 8.30am) or after school (up to 4:45pm).

Learning an instrument offers lifelong benefits that extend far beyond the music itself. We thank you and continue to encourage this enriching opportunity for your child.

Miss Sarah Minihan (Head of Music)
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