BUDMOUTH ACADEMY WEYMOUTH

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Dear Parents/Carers

Instrumental Tuition: September 2026 – July 2027

The Music Department at Budmouth Academy offers students high-quality instrumental lessons with peripatetic teachers who are practising musicians.

If you wish your child to have instrumental lessons during this academic year, please read the Terms and Conditions, followed by paying the required fees via Parentmail. Once payment has been made we expect that students will continue lessons for the remainder of the academic year. Students will be added to a shared Google Drive for the timetable and the instrumental lessons Google Classroom group. Any questions about payments should be directed to Mrs Tewkesbury in the Finance office finance@budmouth-aspirations.org

For this academic year the cost for 10 x 30 minute lessons is **£140.00 for Individual Lessons and £95 for group lessons per term**. **Please email amarsh@budmouth-aspirations.org to confirm group availability before payment is made.** The table below shows the availability of group lessons, these will be organised so students of the same standard will be grouped together.

Lessons will only be available on receipt of FULL payment via the online payment system, Parentmail, which is required at the start of each term.

Lessons will commence from Friday 18th September (Singing). Lessons in the Spring and Summer term will begin around the second week of the term.

Mrs Screech	Clarinet, Saxophone & Flute	Monday	Individual and Group Lessons available
Mr Lee	Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele	Tuesday	Individual and Group Lessons available
Mrs Dukes	Piano	Wednesday	Individual only
Mr Milward	Drums	Thursday	Individual only
Mrs Baillie	Voice	Friday	Individual and Group Lessons available
Brass/String lessons could be arranged depending on numbers - please email Miss Marsh if interested.			

Please read the terms and conditions on the following pages carefully as it details the procedures, expectations and how to cancel lessons as we do require half a term's notice in writing or via email.

If you require financial assistance to help support the payment of instrumental lessons, please make contact via my email address above, as there are various funding routes we can offer. Please be aware that Changing Keys Dorset https://changingkeydorset.co.uk/funding-applications/ has 3 deadlines throughout the year. The Autumn term deadline is Monday 14th September and a reference from an informal referee is required.

We hope your child enjoys their instrumental lessons at Budmouth Academy with our amazing and supportive staff.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Marsh
Deputy Subject Coordinator Expressive Arts

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INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS TERMS & CONDITIONS 2026/2027

Billing

- Cost for the TERM is £140 = 10 Individual lessons & £95 for group lessons of 30 minutes. Group lessons are only available if another student of the same standard also wishes to be in a group.
- Payments to be made via **the online payment system, Parentmail, AT THE START OF EACH TERM**
- Lessons will only commence once full payment has been received.
- Students will be added to the live google drive timetable for weekly lesson times.
- Students are responsible for checking the timetables each week - it is a live document and changes are made throughout the term.
- If you purchase a trial lesson (£14) and wish to continue, the full fees are then required for the remaining lessons before further lessons are timetabled.
- Purchasing of a single trial lesson will be allowed once, after which full payment is required.
- Refunds will only be given to parents/carers if 10 lessons are not given by the instrumental staff each term.

Expectations

Students are expected to have lessons & practise for a minimum of 1 year to show progress.

It is expected that students will:

- Check the shared Google drive/Google classroom timetable for their lesson time every week.
- Arrive on time for their lessons in E19 (or occasionally E18/E17/Studio).
- Bring their instrument, drumsticks and sheet music to every lesson. A notebook is also a good idea.
- Practise in & out of scheduled lessons in order to make progress between lessons.
- Store instruments in allocated places in E21/E19
- Join an extracurricular club to support their learning & celebrate the Academy's music tradition.
- Entry for graded music exams is encouraged to celebrate achievement & measure student progress.

It is expected that instrumental staff will:

- Support the rotating timetable & make alterations as necessary, when informed in advance.
- Keep a weekly register and report any absences to RS.
- Reward students via AM who will add achievement points onto Arbour.
- Encourage & motivate student progress through teaching music notation & aural training.
- Help prepare students for GCSE/A Level performances where applicable.
- Enter students for exams - ABRSM/Rock School/Trinity/Guildhall & Provide accompaniment (Extra charges will apply, this is a private arrangement between parents and teaching staff).

Instrument Examination Entries

Students can be entered for instrument exams by the Academy staff. The handling of all exam entries, including payments is managed directly by the instrumental teacher. Teachers intending to enter their students for exams will complete the necessary administration paperwork & finance in direct consultation with the students & parents. Notification of the day, time & place will be given by the instrumental teacher directly to the students.

Budmouth Academy can supply contact details for a number of accompanists should one be required. This will again be a private agreement between parent/accompanist and can incur an extra charge for at least one rehearsal & the exam. This will be payable directly to the accompanist. A request for an accompanist contact details needs to be made well in advance of the exam.

Timetables

- Lessons will rotate each week.
- 6th Form students will be timetabled in their free periods where possible.
- **Students will not be able to change their lesson time on the day the lesson takes place.**

- English, Maths & Science lessons will be avoided where possible for all GCSE students.
- Timetables are a live document and will change. For last minute changes, students will be notified via messages from reception.
- Students will only be added to the timetable once **full** payment has been received for the term.
- Students are responsible for checking the dates & times of their lessons. If a change needs to be made they should contact Miss Marsh to see if a change of lesson can be accommodated in advance of the lesson.

Absence

- If teaching staff are absent they will endeavour to deliver 10 lessons in the term and may carry a lesson into the following term.
- During their mock & public exams in years 10-13, lessons will be organised around the exam timetable. Students should see Miss Marsh to help with this.
- If students are absent due to illness on the day of their lesson please inform the attendance officer and Miss Marsh on amarsh@budmouth-aspirations.org for a message to be sent to the instrumental staff.
- Absences due to school trips - students should notify Miss Marsh of any planned absence which will affect instrumental lessons and we may be able to re-arrange in consultation with the instrumental staff.

HIRE/PURCHASE OF INSTRUMENTS & MUSIC

- The academy can provide a very limited number of orchestral instruments subject to demand for free.
- Students can borrow academy instruments for a year, after which they are expected to purchase their own.
- Instruments can be purchased through the Academy VAT free. Please contact the finance@budmouth-aspirations.org for more details.
- Instruments can be purchased on a loan to buy basis from local music shops, e.g. Harmony Music in Dorchester or John Packers in Taunton.
- Instruments can be hired from the Dorset Music Service on a yearly basis. https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorset-music-service-instruments

Storage of Instruments

- Musical instruments can be stored in allocated areas of E21/E19/Studio.
- Students are discouraged from leaving instrument cases on the floor in the practice rooms.
- Students are warned of the risks of damage if they leave instruments in their lockers or other parts of the school.

The Academy will not take responsibility for loss or damage to any instruments left in School. Students are responsible for taking their instruments home at the end of each day. NO instruments should be left overnight, at weekend or during holidays.

ENDING LESSONS

Should you wish to terminate lessons during an academic year we require **half a term notice in writing, with full payment in advance.**

Students in Years 11 & 13 will automatically have their lessons terminated at the end of the spring term unless parents specifically inform Miss Marsh for lessons to continue.

Please remember that by paying for lessons you are agreeing to the terms and conditions as stated above and that the expectation is that lessons are continued for the remainder of the academic year unless notice is given.

PLEASE PRINT THIS DOCUMENT FOR REFERENCE