

# CLAIRES COURT

## Senior Boys

### Instrumental tuition



At Claire's Court we have a long-standing tradition of enabling boys to learn an instrument and we are fortunate in having drawn together an excellent team of visiting part-time staff, who offer tuition in a wide range of instruments and in singing.

Please contact Mr Roach, Director of Music, in the first instance, who will pass your request on to the relevant teacher, but please note that some teachers may have a waiting list. at the appropriate level.

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## Instruments and teachers

We offer individual half hour lessons on the following instruments (if your child has expressed an interest in playing an instrument not on the list, please inform Mr Roach):

Piano/Keyboard	Mr Jon Brooks BA
Singing	Mrs V Foster LTCL GTCL PGCE
Woodwind	Mrs Heather Leech Bendell BA
Acoustic Guitar	Mr Lindsay Higgs BA
Electric Guitar	Mr Andrew Wright HND
Brass	Mr David Jones LTCL
Drums	Mr James Davis Dip Drumtech
Violin	Mrs Minor Atabek MA

## Hire of instruments

Expense is obviously a major factor when deciding which instrument your child will play. Many outlets will offer a discount to schools, so please contact us for advice if you decide to purchase an instrument.

All our teachers are experienced and teach to a very high standard.

## Examinations

Pupils have the opportunity to work towards the Preparatory tests and Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music or Trinity School of Music. We find that, by doing so, pupils have a goal to work towards as well as enjoying a real sense of achievement when they pass. It is worthwhile taking higher grades since UCAS points are given for higher attainment.



## Practise

Obviously there is little point in playing an instrument if it is left in its case from one lesson to the next. We ask for parental co-operation and support in reminding our pupils to practise, especially in the case of our youngest pupils for whom it is essential that there is parental supervision at practice time.

A beginner only requires five to 10 minutes of practice each day but, of course, as the standard of playing improves so the practice time should increase. A little practice every day is better than an hour on Sunday. For pupils playing instruments that are not easily transportable from school, lunchtime and after school can be set aside for practice. We do have a lead and bass guitar to use if the transporting of instruments is difficult.

## Extra-curricular activities

The department runs a variety of before school, lunchtime and after school activities. Most instruments are designed to be played with others. We find that the more our pupils play along with others, (especially those of a higher standard) the better their own playing becomes. We organise regular performance opportunities throughout the year. It is expected that your child will attend the following activities open to their particular instrument/voice, even if they have only just started playing:

Jazz Band

Choir (Y7 to 9, Y10 & Y11)

Guitar Group

Samba Band

Brass Group

Woodwind Group

## Performance opportunities

In addition to the school's events programme, such as the inter-house music assemblies, fireworks nights, and the school fete, individual and group musicians enjoy considerable opportunities to perform in public, including our termly concerts.





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