



**LOMOND
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SCOTLAND

Specialist Music Tuition Scheme J2-J5

Lomond School's Specialist Music Tuition Scheme is provided by visiting specialist music tutors under the auspices of the Music Department. Tuition (usually from J4 onwards) is available in French horn, cornet, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, piano, electric and acoustic guitar, drum-kit, voice, bagpipes, accordion and clarsach. Tuition can, on occasion, start in J2 or J3 for violin with half-sized instruments.

How do lessons operate?

Younger pupils who receive tuition in school generally have their lessons towards the end of the school day (or occasionally in an after-school slot) and we recommend discussing this with your child's teacher before making a decision. The majority of J2-J5 pupils are taught in Clarendon, but for some larger instruments such as clarsach and drum-kit we use the Senior School practice rooms. These rooms are covered by CCTV for the protection of both pupils and staff.

What is the cost?

Visiting Music Tutors are not employed by the school and are therefore effectively private teachers within the school. The fee for an individual 30 minute lesson is £19 which is in line with the national average rate for music tuition in independent schools. Tutors at Lomond are suitably experienced and their pupils have achieved considerable success in national music examinations such as those set by ABRSM, not to mention the National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher practical examinations.

Instruments

Whilst most pupils will eventually have their own instruments, beginners are encouraged to borrow an instrument from the Music Department. There is no charge for pupils up to and including J5, however as we only stock a limited number of instruments, availability cannot be guaranteed. Our current instrumental stock includes: trumpets, trombones, French horns, mini horn, alto saxophones, alpha saxophone, clarinets, clarineos, bagpipes, flutes, mini flutes, violins, viola, cellos.

Is every applicant accepted?

The point at which a child is ready to begin music lessons varies, depending on their instrument of choice, their size and their level of concentration. Tutors expect pupils to be able to focus throughout lessons and to make a commitment to practise regularly. Although we are keen to encourage our young musicians, there is no rush. If children start before they are ready then progress can be very slow and enthusiasm and enjoyment may be lacking. This often results in children giving up. By request, Tutors can provide pupils with a trial lesson and then feedback on that child's readiness and suitability to a particular instrument. If the pupil's instrument choice is considered as suitable but there are no places currently available, he or she will be offered a place on a waiting list.

Note

The highest priority will always be given to students who are studying music at National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher over any other student, whether or not they are on a waiting list. Priority is granted as it is essential for certificate pupils to receive tuition to complete their courses.

What happens after tuition has commenced?

When pupils reach a satisfactory standard of performance they may be presented for either ABRSM, Trinity or Rock School Music examinations and will also be invited to join the various ensembles within the school. A serious commitment to practise is expected of all pupils receiving tuition at school. Every pupil receives a Practice Diary which should be signed regularly by a parent, ensuring that practice set by the tutor has been completed. A full report will be issued in December and June each year. Those invited into the various extra-curricular groups are expected to make a full commitment to their relevant group(s) to ensure the pupil's individual progress whilst maintaining the high standards expected of our various ensembles run by the Music Department at Lomond.

Please note that eight weeks' notice in writing (which can include holidays) is required if a pupil wishes to withdraw from lessons.

If you would like your child to receive Specialist Music Tuition in any of the above disciplines, please complete the attached application form and return it to me via the school office as soon as possible. On receipt of your application form, I will pass your details to the relevant tutor who will make direct contact with you regarding availability and suitability.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider this valuable opportunity for your child.

Yours sincerely



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