

Exmouth Community College
Music Department



MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT
TUITION
SCHEME



Exmouth Community College
Academy Trust

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



How often do lessons take place?

Students will receive 30 lessons per year, taught weekly.

When and where do the lessons take place?

Lessons take place during term time only at school and we have developed a rota, so the same curriculum area is not disrupted too often.

Who will teach my child?

Exmouth Community College employs a team of specialist teachers from the local area. They are experts in their chosen field with much experience and are monitored by music staff with the learning community.



How are Lessons organised?

Lessons will commence at the beginning of an academic term, eg September, January and after the Easter holidays, but there may be the opportunity to start after October half term.

We offer three types of lessons and the choice is yours. The only advice from us is that it is less beneficial to have group tuition on piano/keyboard and percussion due to the nature of the instrument.



- **Group Lessons: 30 minutes each**

Teachers will endeavour to place students in a group, however, if this is impractical, then students will receive a shorter individual lesson of 15 mins.

- **Individual Lesson: 20 minutes each**

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How can I obtain an instrument for my child to use in tuition?

Hire

Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs <https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/>. Please contact them directly on 01392 287235 or by email at musiceducationhub@devon.gov.uk.

Purchase

'Musicale' offer a superb hire/purchase scheme. Please contact Mr Stock (Head of Music) by email at Paul.Stock@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk for further details.

Assisted Purchase

The assisted purchase scheme (ex-VAT prices) is only available if your child's school is not an Academy. Please contact a musical instrument supplier to decide which instrument you would like to purchase. Then, please write to your school's Music Coordinator asking them to order the instrument by submitting the instrument model, make, any other specific instrument details, ex-VAT price of the item and the supplier's details.

Please include a cheque for the ex-VAT price made payable to your child's school. The Music Coordinator will then complete the purchase for you.

Please note the child must either be having regular instrument lessons within school or will be making a substantial contribution to the school's musical life.

Where can my child keep their instrument?

Each school will have its own system, so please check with your Music Coordinator.

Please note that Devon County Council Academies do NOT provide insurance for your instrument. It is YOUR responsibility to arrange this for yourselves. British Reserve/Allianz Cornhill is a recommended insurer of musical instruments, but you may also be covered through your household insurance.

How can I book/cancel music tuition lessons?

To **book** lessons, simply complete the enclosed application form and return it to Mr. Stock at Exmouth Community College (address on brochure's final page). Our Accounts department will then send you an invoice with a direct debit mandate which you will need to return to us completed and signed. Lessons can only start once the tuition fee has been paid.

To **cancel** tuition, please notify Mr Stock in **WRITING** giving at least **4 weeks notice**. A verbal message to your child's Music teacher/tutor is insufficient to end lessons. A refund will be issued to you for any tuition fee that is left over from your pre-payment, but equally any outstanding fees will still need to be paid.

How can I find out about my child's lesson progress?

The teacher will leave regular notes in each student's Practice Book. In addition, you will receive a report during the year and opportunity to meet your child's Music tutor at an informal concert evening.

Absence

In case of teacher absence and lesson cancellation by us, the missed lesson(s) will be caught upon to deliver all 30 annual lesson sessions.

In case of the student being absent due to illness, the lessons will **NOT** be caught up on as the teacher is still in attendance at College to deliver the lesson.

If a student is absent from their lesson and sufficient advance notice has been given to the Music teacher, then the teacher will endeavour to make up the lesson.

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