



INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS

We have a large team of inspirational Visiting Music Teachers, who teach all the orchestral instruments including brass, harp and percussion. We also offer recorder, guitar and drum kit lessons.

No individual singing lessons are given in the Prep Department as they are too young and there are many opportunities for them to sing in class, assembly and in concerts. We recommend that you apply for singing lessons when entering Year 8. However, if your daughter has already been having formal singing lessons we will try and accommodate the lessons here.

Organ lessons can be arranged through the school with Anne Marsden Thomas at St. Giles, Cripplegate, which is adjacent to the school. Possible pupils should be at the standard of Grade 5 Associated Board Piano before they start lessons. It should be noted that the charge for organ lessons is different from other instrumental lessons given at the school.

30 lessons are given over the school year. Sometimes more than 10 lessons are given in the September Term as it is usually longer and it is not interrupted by exams. The lessons are 35 minutes long. School lessons are 40 minutes. This gives the teacher and girls time to get to the lessons and Preps to be collected and returned to the Prep Department.

Lessons missed by pupils without 24 hours notice will not be made up. When staff miss a lesson due to illness or planned absence they will make the lesson up. The Visiting Music Teachers will email you if your daughter does not attend her lesson.

We do have a policy here that the girls should only be taught by one teacher. Having a teacher inside school and a different teacher out of school is confusing to the students.

Lessons are given on a rotating system. This means that a different lesson is missed each week. The girls are informed each week when their next lesson will take place and the teacher will write this in the girls' practice books.

Girls in Lower One will be collected by the staff for their lessons and returned to the Prep Department afterwards.

We offer Associated Board Music Exams each term. This will be at the request of teacher, parent and pupil. There is no pressure put upon the girls to take exams and we do understand that some girls will not want to take exams. However, most of the girls who take exams do very well and enjoy seeing a benchmark of their progress. Some staff prefer the Trinity/Guildhall exams and enter their students externally for these, as we cannot accommodate these exams at school.

If you are unsure what instrument you would like to take we also offer taster lessons in all instruments. These can be arranged at the beginning of term, by emailing musicadmin@clsg.org.uk.

Endangered species scheme

To support those girls who would be interested in trying an 'endangered species' instrument (bassoon, French horn, trombone and double bass) we would provide free lessons (likely in a group) for at least a term. Preference would be given to those girls that are not currently learning an instrument and we would be able to loan an instrument for the duration of the trial. Please contact musicadmin@clsg.org.uk if you would like to know more and indicate on the form below that you are interested.

CONCERTS

There are many opportunities to perform at City. Girls who learn outside school are always welcome into any musical activity or event. What we do expect is regular attendance and a real commitment, which is why we are able to perform some very challenging repertoire.

A brief summary of some of the major musical events:

Autumn Term	Prize Day Scholars' Concert Autumn Concert Prep. Christmas Concert Carol Service
Spring	Sing and Swing Prep Solo Concerts Joint Concert with CLS Joint Chamber Music Concert with CLFS Year 7 Concert
Summer	Summer Junior Concert Leavers' Concert Prep Opera Year 7 Music Day

Across the year there will be a range of lunchtime concerts at St. Giles' Cripplegate, in addition to many other performing opportunities in class and assemblies.



Individual Music Lessons

The charge for individual Music lessons is £258 per instrument per term. Please tick below if your daughter wishes to have lessons on any of the following instruments. Please put an 'E' in the box for bassoon, French horn, trombone or double bass if your daughter is interested in the 'endangered species' free lesson scheme.

		Strings		Woodwind		Brass		Other
Piano (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Violin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cornet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percussion (4)
Organ (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Viola	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oboe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trumpet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singing (3)
Harp	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cello	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarinet	<input type="checkbox"/>	French Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Guitar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Double Bass	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saxophone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trombone	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other low brass	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Bassoon	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

- 1) it is essential to have a piano at home
- 2) Lessons are organized at St Giles' Cripplegate. Please contact Dr Berryman, Director of Music, for details and cost
- 3) Singing lessons are offered to girls from Year 8 upwards
- 4) Orchestral and drum kit

Any further information about your child's current musical experiences (for example any groups they play in outside of school) and approximate standard on any instrument/voice if appropriate.

In accordance with the Terms and Conditions (Section H Provisions About Notice, paragraph 84), cancellation of any optional music lesson requires half a term's notice before the end of term or half term period preceding the term/half term in which the pupil wishes to cease the lessons. To cancel lessons parents must complete the cancellation form on the school portal.

Pupil Name and Year Group	
Signature (Parent/Guardian)	
Print Name	
Date	

Please return this form to along with other new starter documents to Mrs Rachel Kearney by Friday 20th May.