



16th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Instrumental and Singing Lessons

Helston Community College offers instrumental and singing lessons to students between the hours of 8.40am and 6.30pm, Monday – Friday, during term time. We have an excellent team of teachers who are able to prepare your child for Trinity College and/or Rock School grade exams.

Payment

We offer 20 or 30 minute individual lessons and paired lessons at a range of prices. As our peripatetic staff are self-employed, some lessons do vary in price. If an instrument listed on page three has an asterisk next to it (*), the price will be different to the price stated below. The instrumental/vocal teacher will inform you of their price on receipt of this form. For all other instruments, the price is as stated below:

30 minute individual lesson: £16 (£160 per term)

20 minute individual lesson: £11 (£110 per term)

30 minute paired lesson: £8.50 (£85 per term)

Lessons must be paid for in advance each term. Notice must be given half a term before a student wishes lessons to cease. Please confirm your understanding of these terms on the renewal form.

Subsidy

Children in the following categories are eligible for a subsidy for lessons in one instrument or voice:

- A child currently in receipt of Free School Meals receives a discount of £50 per term **(for example, a 30 minute paired lesson would cost £3.50 per lesson)**
- A child In Care receives a discount of £50 per term **(as above)**
- A child from a service family receives a discount of £25 per term. **(for example, a 30 minute paired lesson would cost £6 per lesson)**
- A child claiming a Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or whose parent claims one of these allowances receives a discount of £25 per term. **(as above)**
- A child with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) receives a discount of £85 per term. **(for example, a 30 minute paired lesson would be free)**
- A child studying GCSE Music receives a discount of one third of the lesson fee **(for example, a 30 minute single lesson would cost £10.67 per lesson)**. They may also receive, in addition, any relevant subsidies stated above.
- A student studying A-Level Music receives free 30 minute individual lessons on their primary instrument.

Timetables

Year 11, 12 and 13 students do not have instrumental/singing lessons timetabled during curriculum time. All other year groups must be prepared to come out of curriculum lessons. Instrumental/singing lessons are rotated each term in order that curriculum subjects are not missed regularly.

It is the student's responsibility to give the instrumental/singing teacher a weeks' notice if a lesson is going to be missed due to a school trip or exam. The teacher will then make every effort to reschedule this lesson. Lessons missed due to illness unfortunately cannot be rescheduled.

Year 7 Music Academy Pathway

We are currently running an initiative to encourage year 7 students to take up certain instruments to ensure music will continue to flourish in Helston Community College. We offer one terms worth of lessons (10 lessons) at the cost of £10 to the parents. This includes the loan of an instrument. For a full explanation of the benefits and responsibilities of Music Academy students, please pick up an academy letter from the music department, or click on the following link.

The instruments that qualify for the Music Academy pathway are:

- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium/Tuba
- Violin/Viola
- Cello
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet

Consent

Once we have received your child's consent form the assigned instrumental/singing teacher will contact you via email or phone to arrange payment and timetable information. Please give consent for your contact details to be shared with the relevant teacher on the form. In order for the instrumental/vocal teacher to meet your child's needs, please would you also give consent for important educational/medical information to be shared with them on a confidential basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via email (cking@helston.tpacademytrust.org) if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Clive King

Mr C King
Director of Music Performance

Student's Full Name:	
Tutor Group or Primary School:	

Instrument	
Acoustic Guitar*	
Bass Guitar	
Electric Guitar*	
Classical Guitar*	
Baritone	
Cello	
Clarinet*	
Drums	
Euphonium	
Flute*	
French Horn	
Piano	
Saxophone*	
Singing*	
Tenor Horn	
Trombone	
Trumpet/Cornet	
Tuba	
Violin	
Oboe	
Bassoon	

- *I understand that payment must be made in advance each term and that a half term's notice is required if I wish lessons to cease.*
- *I consent to being contacted by the instrumental teacher regarding the timetabling of lessons and payment.*
- *I consent to Helston Community College sharing relevant information including medical and special educational needs with the instrumental/singing teacher.*
- *My son/daughter would like to audition for the year 7 Music Academy Pathway*

Choice of lesson time	
30 minutes at £16 per lesson (£160 per term)	
20 minutes at £11 per lesson (£110 per term)	
30 minutes paired at £8.50 per lesson (£85 per term)	

Parent Name:	
Parent Telephone Number:	
Parent Email Address:	

I am eligible for the following subsidy:	
Free School Meals	
Child in Care	
Service family	
DLA/ PIP	
ECHP	
GCSE Music	
A Level Music	
None	

*If an A Level or GCSE student misses more than 2 lessons in a row without notifying the teacher ahead of time, the college may request reimbursement of the subsidy.

Signed:		Date:	
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE HCC MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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