



Poole High School

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Dear parent/guardian/carer

Poole High School – Year 7 Music Instrumental Tuition

I am delighted to advise, that here at Poole High School, we offer an excellent choice of instrumental tuition for the following instruments (subject to sufficient interest):

Piano	Keyboard	Singing	Classical Guitar	Flute
Bass Guitar	Electric Guitar	Clarinet	Brass	
Saxophone	Strings	Ukulele	Drums	

Lessons will commence from September 2025 for all year groups. Lessons take place weekly and will be on a rota system on specific days for different year groups and instruments. All students will have 10 private lessons per term, each lasting either 20 or 30 minutes, depending on your choice. All lessons are in the Performing Arts block, where Reception is situated. Students should enter via room 96. Students should bring their instrument to school on the day of their lesson and take it to the music block ready to retrieve for their lesson. Their instruments can be left in the cage upstairs in room 96. Lessons are **£127.50 for 20 minutes or £190.50 for 30 minutes** per instrument each term. Students in receipt of pupil premium will have their lessons subsidised by £20 per term for one instrument only.

Initially you will be sent a letter when students start their individual instrumental lessons at PHS in September, and payment to be made by **Friday 3 October 2025**. Fees for lessons after the first term will need to be paid for in advance to ensure continuation of a student's instrumental lessons the following term. Therefore, students accessing lessons will be sent a letter for the spring term's lessons after October half term and payment will be required by **Friday 28 November 2025**.

Dates for Music Tuition Payments for School Year 2025/26 are set out below:-

Term Dates	Payment Dates
Autumn Term September – December 2025	Payment required by Friday 3 October 2025
Spring Term January – April 2026	Payment required by Friday 28 November 2025
Summer Term May – July 2026	Payment required by Friday 13 March 2026
Autumn Term September – December 2026	Payment required by Friday 26 June 2026

Failure to Pay/Missed Lessons

You need to confirm that you wish your child to have lessons for the following term by completing the Microsoft form. By doing this you are also agreeing to pay for lessons for that term. If you do not complete the form by the deadline, lessons will not be organised for your child. **Please note:** Unfortunately, there will be no 'catch-up lessons' for students who miss lessons as this is a significant additional cost to the school. Students must attend their lessons as per rota – teachers are not available to find and remind students. If a student cannot make a lesson due to a medical appointment, etc, it is the responsibility of parents to advise Mrs Robert via email, at least a week in advance so lessons can be moved. Failure to do so will result in a missed lesson.

If students need rehearsals or an accompanist for exams, parents will be charged for this.

Rota

Students will be given a code and be invited to join the Peri Music Classroom Lessons where rotas are kept and updated. Students should check weekly for their lesson time. Further information where to find this, will be given to you at a later date, due to moving from Google Classroom to Microsoft during the holidays. Students will be given a practice book and contract in their first music lesson.

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Funding

Unlike some schools, we do not want to cut any of our superb arts provision. We appreciate the current financial / cost of living difficulties that many families are facing and need to ensure that students can continue their music lessons. Whether or not your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding to help subsidise their music lessons, you can apply to Soundstorm's access fund if you are struggling to pay for lessons. **You can only apply once a year for up to £300** and you will need to do this in advance to ensure the funding is in place. If you do apply for this please advise us so we can ensure we have this information. If you are unsuccessful you will be liable for the full fees. You will need to fill in a form (found via the link below) and bring it in for one of the music teachers to sign:

- Soundstorm access fund: <https://soundstorm-music.org.uk/grants/access-fund/>

If you would like your child to receive music tuition, please complete the following Microsoft link: <https://forms.office.com/e/6vSJRUE5R> by **Friday 29 August 2025**. (It may be necessary to copy and paste the link into your browser, if the link does not open).

Please note: By completing the above link you will be instructing Poole High School to book music lessons for your child from September, once these lessons have been booked you will be liable for the lesson fees as stated in the 'Dates for Music Tuition payments for 2025/2026' section.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself f.robert@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Fay Robert
Head of Music