

Key information and dates



KING EDWARD VI LICHFIELD MUSIC TUITION INFORMATION 2024 -2025

In addition to the information in this leaflet, there are key details, dates, forms and timetables available on the [school website](#).

All new and existing students need to complete an online application form expressing interest in tuition by **Friday 14 June 2024**.

[Music Tuition | King Edward VI School Lichfield \(keslichfield.org.uk\)](#)

Tuition will be allocated in September and we hope to inform students of their lesson details including timetable by **Friday 6 September 2024**.

New students should read the [student guide to music tuition](#) for details on how to get started with music lessons.

Payment will need to be made for tuition through ParentPay before 12pm on **Monday 16 September 2024**.

Contact Information

Lesson enquiries
musictuition@keslichfield.org.uk
Payment enquiries
finance@keslichfield.org.uk

Important information

Who can have instrumental lessons?

We're excited to offer lessons to all students, at all levels, including complete beginners. We actively encourage music making at all levels and we are proud to support students at all stages in their learning.

Who provides the lessons?

Instrumental music tuition is available at King Edward VI School through the Entrust Music Service Staffordshire by highly trained peripatetic music teachers.

Why have music lessons?

Music lessons are an excellent way for students to develop their skills and understanding of music, as well as giving them the potential for a lifelong passion and opportunity for social development. Recent research has also associated rapid development and academic achievement alongside those that regularly nurture their skills and participate in making music.

Tuition offered

Violin	Saxophone	Keyboard
Viola	Trumpet	Drum Kit
Cello	Cornet	Singing
Double Bass	Trombone	Guitar
Oboe	French Horn	Electric Guitar
Bassoon	Tuba	Bass Guitar
Clarinet	Euphonium	
Flute	Piano	

Please note that the availability for some instruments is limited due to demand but we will do our best to meet requests.

Lesson costs and payment

Fees are set by the School Governors and are well below the full cost to the school or the cost of similar private tuition. The school heavily subsidises the cost of lessons as we believe them to be extremely important and to encourage as many students as possible to take up this opportunity.

The charge for lessons is **£300 per year** and can be made via ParentPay from September.

Payment is due in full by Monday 16 September 2024, or in three termly instalments:
Monday 16 September 2024 at £100,
Monday 13 January 2025 at £100,
and Monday 14 April 2025 at £100.

If your circumstances are such that you feel you may qualify for some reduction in charges, please complete the request for funding support accessible from the online form, and we will make contact to discuss this further.

Lesson delivery and timings

Lessons last 20 minutes and in the earlier stages are usually taken in pairs or small groups. When working for higher grades, individual lessons are usually available. Lessons take place during the school day and are rotated to minimise time out of other subjects.

Students are allocated a lesson letter/code that relates to a letter on the timetable. Whilst we aim to fix the times for a full half term, it is still important that students check their time each week on the online timetable for any changes.

Lesson attendance

Attendance at lessons is the student's responsibility; if they miss a lesson it is unfortunately not possible

to rearrange. If a student misses a lesson for an unknown reason, a generic message is sent home so that parents/carers remain informed and can address this where necessary. If the teacher is away, then the lesson will be made up on another day.

Where a student's attendance to their lessons falls below 90%, their attendance will be carefully monitored for the following half-term. If it does not improve then they risk losing their entitlement to subsidised or free lessons. Parents would then be contacted about either stopping the lessons or bearing the full cost.

Ensemble attendance

In recognition of the significantly subsidised cost of lessons, each student is expected to take part regularly in one of the school ensembles (listed below). Full attendance at rehearsals and concerts will be required for the school to continue to support their instrumental tuition. Ensembles are an excellent way to celebrate the students' success through the shared performances and concerts which showcase their skills. When registering for lessons, please discuss this requirement with your child. Unfortunately, if this is not maintained then parents will be asked to cover the full cost of the lessons.

Ensemble timetable

Monday	Higher Woodwind	Percussion Ensemble	
Tuesday	Junior Guitar Ensemble	Girls' Choir / Chamber Choir	Flute Choir
Wednesday	Keyboard Ensemble	Junior Choir	Orchestra (after school)
Thursday	Senior Choir	Brass Ensemble	Jazz Band (after school)
Friday	Fuse Ensemble	Guitar Ensemble	

Security/storage of instruments in school

A locked cupboard is available for music students. Students who bring their instruments to school for lessons may decide to leave them in the store cupboard for that day only at their own risk. The school does not accept liability for damage to or loss of instruments in school.

Instruments should not be left overnight both for security reasons and because students should be practicing daily at home. It should be noted that the Bailey Building is let to other organisations at evenings and weekends, so cannot be supervised at all times.

Stopping lessons

If your son/daughter decides to not continue with their lessons, the full year cost still needs to be paid – the music teachers are contracted for the year and their costs still need to be covered.

Please do let the school know if a student is thinking about stopping tuition so we can potentially offer the place to another student, in which case a partial refund may be possible.