



Musical Instrument Lessons **at Brockington College** **2012-2013**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here at Brockington College, we recognise the importance that learning to play a musical instrument can have on a young adult. It can help to promote a sense of self-discipline, self-esteem and enhance self-expression/creativity. We, therefore, encourage as many pupils as possible to start and learn a musical instrument.

Due to the Leicester-shire Arts in Education no longer being able to provide lessons for us, our instrumental lessons will be provided by a team of fabulous private instrumental teachers for the year 2012-2013, and all teachers have options for individual and group lessons to make finding the right type of lesson for your child easier. All teachers have previously worked for the Leicester-Shire Music Service and as part of the new structure of instrumental teaching they have all been added to the County Council Associated Teachers Register.

If you are interested in booking lessons for your child then please contact the teacher of the instrument you are interested in as listed on the next sheet who will then send out their information and contracts in order to start lessons with them. Can we take this opportunity to inform you that all contracts are between yourselves (the parent/carer) and the instrumental teacher, meaning that all questions and issues regarding your instrument lessons will only be dealt with by the teacher you have signed a contract with, and not Brockington College.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school on 0116 286 3722 or via email ams@brockington.leics.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Shaw



Musical Instrument Lessons

Teacher Contact Details

| Instrument | Name of Teacher | Contact details for the teacher |
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| Flute | Ms Teresa Bexon | 01455 239373 07791456054 tjbmusic@talktalk.net |
| Keyboard, piano | Mr Ian Maw | ianmaw@tiscali.co.uk |
| Drum kit | Mr Adam Stringer | 07941 549962 |
| Guitar (electric, bass & classical) | Mr Dave Jobson | 07948 402728 guitarlessons@tiscali.co.uk |
| Singing | Mrs Sarah Woodhall | 07866015774 |
| Clarinet, saxophone | Mr Patrick White | Patrick.White@leics.gov.uk |
| Cornet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn | Mr Alex Crutchley | latheduckap@hotmail.co.uk |
| Violin, Viola | Ms Sally Smith | sasviolinviola@hotmail.co.uk |

Tuition is generally provided throughout the school day. When planning the instrumental lesson timetables we try very hard to avoid withdrawing pupils from the core subjects on a regular basis, therefore, some lessons may operate on a rota system.



Extra-curricular Musical Activities

There are a number of musical activities that happen within and around Brockington. Choir, Rock Group, Orchestra, Music ICT and Keyboard Club. Pupils should regularly check the **notice-board at the bottom of the 'B' staircase** to find out of any lesson/ensemble changes. **It is vital that all pupils participating in instrumental lessons, within school, become a member of the school orchestra or any other suitable ensemble.** Pupils may also join any of the other clubs on offer. Registers will be taken and rewards will be given for regular attendance to extra-curricular music activities and participation in performances. This helps with musical development and musicianship and it gives pupils the opportunity to play as part of an ensemble. This is great fun and helps every pupil to enjoy playing their instrument.

Activities for the school year 2012-2013 will include Choir, Rock Club, Orchestra, Theory Class, and Keyboard Club. Others may be added throughout the year.



Instruments on Loan

The supply of instruments is limited and therefore, parents/carers are asked to provide their child with an instrument. You are advised to consult the instrumental teacher or Mrs Shaw before embarking on the purchase/hire of any instrument. A list of good music shops to hire from is below.

Sheehans Music Services

Phone: 0116 255 7492

Phone: 0116 255 7492

Phone: 0800 0431022

Fax: 0116 2855932

58a London Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 0QD

Wind and Brass Rental

Our rental scheme is for anyone who wants to learn to play one of the following instruments:

- Flute / Piccolo
- Clarinet
- Alto / Tenor Saxophone
- Oboe
- Trumpet / Cornet
- Trombone
- French horn

Our rental scheme is especially popular with parents of school-age children, although anyone – children or adults – who wants to learn a musical instrument can take advantage of the scheme.

Violin, Viola & Cello Rental

Your child has the chance to have violin, viola or cello lessons, but you're not sure where to start. Of course you want them to succeed, but what if he/she doesn't take to it? What if your child is too small for a full size instrument, and they will need to upgrade to a larger size in a year or two?

The temptation is to buy the cheapest instrument you can find. Unfortunately cheap instruments are difficult to play, sound terrible, and will almost certainly discourage your child from playing (imagine trying to learn to drive in a car with sloppy steering, awkward gear change and poor brakes).

Good Reasons to Rent

- A much lower initial outlay. A year's rental payments are still less than the cost of even a poor quality instrument!
- We provide high quality instruments that are professionally set up.
- They are all guaranteed and maintained by us.
- Violins and Violas are supplied with a hard case, bow, chin and shoulder rests and rosin.
- Cellos are supplied with a soft case, bow and rosin.
- You can hand the instrument back and cancel your payments at any time.
- You can upgrade to a larger size or better quality instrument at any time.
- We give you a discount if you subsequently buy an instrument from us.<
- The rental includes a specialist insurance policy.

How Much Does it Cost?

The price of hiring a violin, viola or cello from us depends on its value, age and condition. There are three categories of instrument in our rental scheme:

- **Used European** (mainly Romanian, Hungarian and Czech in origin). Expect to pay slightly more for a newer instrument, and slightly less for one that's a few years old.
- **New European** - if there are no used instruments of a suitable size or quality, we may offer you the choice of hiring a brand new, Romanian made instrument at a slightly higher price.
- **Improved Chinese** (and Korean) - used, far-eastern made instruments that have been fully overhauled in our workshop. Although these instruments are the least expensive, some local teachers recommend using a European made instrument as a minimum standard, so it's probably worth checking with your teacher first.

Typical monthly rental costs are shown below. Before coming to the shop to hire an instrument, it's advisable to [contact us](#) first to check availability.

Typical Monthly Rental Costs*

New European (RRP £295) **£9.00**

Violin Outfits Used European (approx £195) **£7.50**

Improved Chinese **£6.00**

New European (RRP £395) **£12.00**

Viola Outfits

Used European (approx £295) **£9.00**

New European (RRP £695) **£21.00**

Cello Outfits Used European (approx £450) **£13.50**

Improved Chinese **£12.00**

What is so different about our rental instruments?

We take a good quality European instrument and then:

- **Adjust the height of the bridge and nut.** (Too high and the strings are hard to press down. Too low and they buzz on the fingerboard)
- **Check the curve of the bridge.** (Too shallow and you play 2 strings at once, too high and you catch the wood at the edge.)
- **Check the fit of the pegs.** (Too loose and the instrument won't stay in tune. Too tight and it's very difficult to tune!)
- **Check the fit and position of the soundpost.** (Too tight and it can crack the violin. Too loose and it will keep falling down. The sound is stifled if it is positioned incorrectly.)
- **Fit high quality strings** for increased sound quality. (RRP £15.00-£75.00)
- **Include a quality shoulder rest** for comfort. (RRP £23.00)
- **Fit a quality tailpiece with integral adjusters** for ease of tuning . (RRP £15.00)

A B C Music

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7 St Marys Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7DS

Musical Instrument Hire at ABC Music - We are one of the UK's leading Musical Instrument hire / rental specialists

Instruments for hire include: Guitar, Keyboard, Piano, Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Drums, Violin, Cello, Viola and many more.

Not sure if you're ready to purchase an instrument? Why not take advantage of our Instrument Hire scheme? If after 3 months you decide to keep the instrument, we'll refund the 3 months rent you've paid and the deposit against the purchase price of the instrument, or a better one. **You can't lose!**

Monthly rates start from as little as £5 and instruments can be rented at either of our stores. Eligibility is subject to status.

There is no maximum time limit for the length of the rental, however it must be for a minimum of **3 months**.

What do I need to bring?

- * Cheque book, as proof of bank account details.
- * valid credit card(s) for payment of deposit and first month's hire.
- * Utility bill or mortgage statement for proof of address.

Here is a summary of our instrument rental rates:

| Instrument | Rental (per month) | Instrument | Rental (per month) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cello | From £17 | Keyboard | From £10 |
| Clarinet | From £8 | Oboe | From £40 |
| Cornet | From £12 | Piano | From £30 |
| Digital Piano | From £27 | Saxophone | From £13 |
| Drums | From £25 | Tenor Horn | From £17 |
| Flute | From £7 | Trombone | From £10 |
| French Horn | From £18 | Trumpet | From £8 |
| Acoustic Guitar | From £5 | Violin | From £5 |
| Electric Guitar pack | From £10 | | |

Used and ex-rental instruments at even lower rates may also be available. Please ask for details.

All rental agreements are subject to approval. Rates and conditions may vary according to customer status.

What do I pay for initially?

1 month rental in advance, plus returnable deposit (usually 2 months' rental) and possibly a delivery charge (for pianos / keyboards / drum kits).

How are further payments made?

Monthly by standing order.

Can I purchase the instrument?

Yes. A discount may be given if an instrument is bought at a later date. Please ask for details.

Student Music Supplies

Tel: 01256 350282

Trumpets from £82.50
Cornets from £90.83

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 Wind Instruments
 SCHOLARSHIP SERIES

| SMS ACADEMY SUMMER 2012 PRICE LIST | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| CODE | FEATURES | MODEL | KEY | FINISH | WARRANT | EX VAT | INC VAT |
| FLUTES | | | | | | | |
| FL-1N | SPLIT E | ACADEMY | C | NICKEL PLATE | 1 YEAR | £74.17 | £89.00 |
| FL-2NSE | SPLIT E | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | C | NICKEL PLATE | 3 YEARS | £82.50 | £99.00 |
| FL-2SSE | SPLIT E | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | C | SILVER PLATE | 3 YEARS | £90.83 | £109.00 |
| FL-2NEC | SPLIT E, CURVED HEAD | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | C | NICKEL PLATE | 3 YEARS | £82.50 | £99.00 |
| FL-2SEC | SPLIT E, CURVED HEAD | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | C | SILVER PLATE | 3 YEARS | £99.17 | £119.00 |
| | | | | PICCOLOS | | | |
| P-1S | | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | C | | 3 YEARS | £74.17 | £89.00 |
| CLARINETS | | | | | | | |
| CL-2M | BOEHM | ACADEMY | Bb | EBONITE / NICKEL | 1 YEAR | £65.83 | £79.00 |
| CL-2SS | BOEHM | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | EBONITE / NICKEL | 3 YEARS | £82.50 | £99.00 |
| CL-1PE | | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Eb | EBONITE / NICKEL | 3 YEARS | £90.83 | £109.00 |
| TRUMPETS | | | | | | | |
| T-2G | ML BORE | ACADEMY | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 1 YEAR | £82.50 | £99.00 |
| T-2N | ML BORE | ACADEMY | Bb | NICKEL PLATE | 1 YEAR | £82.50 | £99.00 |
| T-4GN | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £99.17 | £119.00 |
| T-4SS | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | SILVER PLATE | 3 YEARS | £115.83 | £139.00 |
| T-1-C | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | C | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £132.50 | £159.00 |
| POCKET TRUMPETS | | | | | | | |
| PT-7G | ML BORE | ACADEMY | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 1 YEAR | £82.50 | £99.00 |
| PT-7R | ML BORE | ACADEMY | Bb | RED LACQUER | 1 YEAR | £90.83 | £109.00 |
| PT-9G | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £99.17 | £119.00 |
| PT-9R | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | RED LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £107.50 | £129.00 |
| PT-9BL | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | BLACK NICKEL | 3 YEARS | £107.50 | £129.00 |
| PT-9SS | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | SILVER PLATE | 3 YEARS | £115.83 | £139.00 |
| CORNETS | | | | | | | |
| CT-3G | ML BORE | ACADEMY | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 1 YEAR | £90.83 | £109.00 |
| CT-3N | ML BORE | ACADEMY | Bb | NICKEL PLATE | 1 YEAR | £90.83 | £109.00 |
| CT-4G | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £107.50 | £129.00 |
| CT-4S | ML BORE, MONEL VALVES | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | SILVER PLATE | 3 YEARS | £124.17 | £149.00 |
| ALTO SAXOPHONES | | | | | | | |
| SXA-1G | HIGH F# | ACADEMY | Eb | GOLD LACQUER | 1 YEAR | £165.83 | £199.00 |
| SXA-2GS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Eb | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £190.83 | £229.00 |
| SXA-4NS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Eb | GOLD / NICKEL KEYWORK | 3 YEARS | £207.50 | £249.00 |
| TENOR SAXOPHONES | | | | | | | |
| SXT-2GS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £215.83 | £259.00 |
| SXT-4NS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD / NICKEL KEYWORK | 3 YEARS | £232.50 | £279.00 |
| SOPRANO SAXOPHONES | | | | | | | |
| SXS-2GS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £199.17 | £239.00 |
| SXS-4NS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD / NICKEL KEYWORK | 3 YEARS | £215.83 | £259.00 |
| CURVED SOPRANO SAXOPHONES | | | | | | | |
| SXSC-2GS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD LACQUER | 3 YEARS | £199.17 | £239.00 |
| SXSC-4NS | HIGH F#, TONE REFLECTOR PADS | SCHOLARSHIP SERIES | Bb | GOLD / NICKEL KEYWORK | 3 YEARS | £215.83 | £259.00 |
| | | | | | | ACCESSORY PACKS | |
| FLUTE | MUSIC STAND, FLUTE STAND | | | | | £8.33 | £10.00 |
| CLARINET | 20 REEDS, MUSIC STAND, FLUTE STAND | | | | | £16.67 | £20.00 |
| SAXOPHON | 20 REEDS, MUSIC STAND, SAX STAND | | | | | £16.67 | £20.00 |
| TRUMPET | VALVE OIL, MUSIC STAND, TRUMPET STAND | | | | | £16.67 | £20.00 |

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