



Instrumental and Vocal Tuition

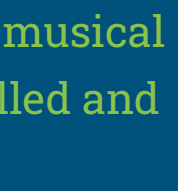
VGMS Spring 2026





Context

The VGMS music department is a busy and vibrant place where young people can enjoy learning to play a musical instrument under the guidance of our highly skilled and supportive team of visiting music tutors.





Parent & Pupil Questionnaire

We received 113 replies from parents
and over 200 replies from pupils.



Headlines from Parent Questionnaire

91% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child enjoyed their weekly music lessons.

87% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child made good progress in their weekly lessons.

67% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child practised regularly and made good progress at home.

81% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that communication with their child's tutor was clear and effective.

85% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that timetables were well organised.

Headlines from Pupil Questionnaire

99% of pupils agreed or strongly agreed that they enjoyed their weekly music lessons.

86% of pupils agreed or strongly agreed that they made good progress in their weekly lessons.

Feedback to parent comments.

The time of lessons changes every week to ensure that pupils don't miss the same curriculum lessons regularly. Lessons can't be at the same every week.

There are almost 250 lessons taking place every week with at least three visiting music tutors working in the music department each day. Lessons are most likely to be during lesson time. If missing curriculum lessons is an issue for your child it is recommended that you find private lessons that take place after school or at the weekend.

Some parents commented that they would appreciate more feedback from their child's tutor. If your child is practising regularly at home we hope that you will be able to hear the progress through the accuracy, fluency and complexity of your child's playing. If you require more specific feedback, please contact your child's tutor directly. Some tutors provide summer reports.

Feedback to parent comments

Due to SATS preparation, year 6 pupils are not permitted to miss maths and english lessons. This impacts on the timetable for other year groups and can't be avoided.

We are aware that music lessons have at times reduced the number of attendance points being awarded. The arrangements for awarding attendance points is currently being reviewed and this issue will hopefully be resolved very soon.

Pupils are permitted to wear a basic watch with an alarm (not a smart watch) to help them remember to attend their lesson. We recommend that parents set the alarm 5 minutes before the time of their child's lesson so they can pack up and arrive on time.

Reminders

A good practice routine is very important and essential if your child would like to make good progress on their instrument.

Pupils should bring their sheet music and/or book to every lesson.

We have a fantastic extra-curricular programme that pupils can participate in if they choose.

Pupils should aim to arrive at their lesson on time. Staff will attempt to find your child if they don't arrive but this is not always possible, especially if they have a group lesson.



Thank You

VGMS Music Department

