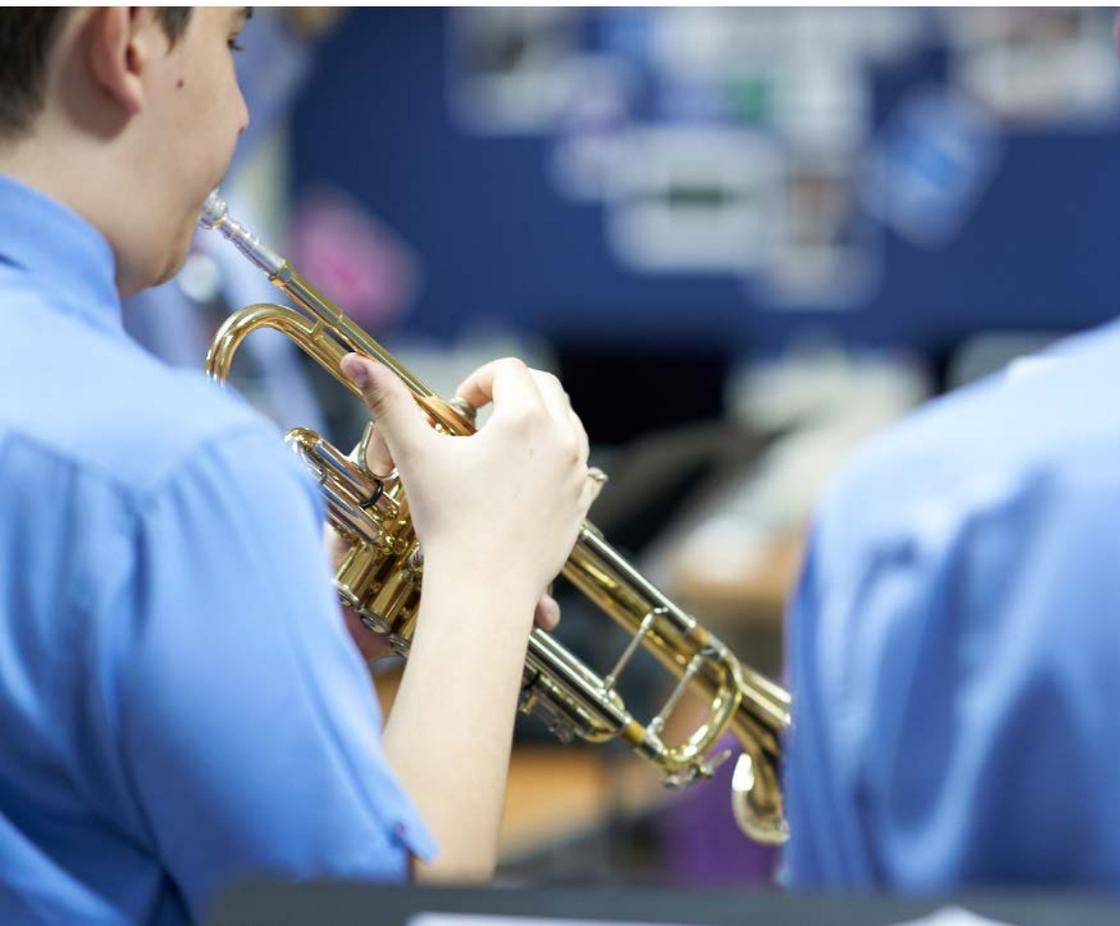




INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC HANDBOOK 2019/2020

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INTRODUCTION

St Christopher's School encourages students of all ages to be actively involved in developing their musical talents and interests. We believe that every student would benefit from, and has the right to receive, high quality instrumental music lessons.

These lessons are provided through the Instrumental Music Programme, for all students, across both campuses.

LESSON SCHEDULING

SAAR CAMPUS

Instrumental lessons in Saar Campus are scheduled for 30 minutes and normally take place throughout the school day. Students are given the option to apply for a fixed lesson slot or they can elect to remain on a variable rotating timetable. Lessons are rotated to minimise the disruption to the students' academic learning.

ISA TOWN CAMPUS

Instrumental Lessons in Isa Town are scheduled for 40 minutes. Lessons are rotated throughout the school week to minimise the disruption to academic learning. Some students in the Senior school will be allocated lesson times prior to school or at lunchtime. However, priority for these is given to students undertaking A level, IB courses and Year 11 GCSE. Students who are learning two or more instruments within our programme may also be given consideration.

LESSON TIMETABLES

Timetables are displayed on the Instrumental Music notice boards in both Campuses. Copies of individual timetables are sent to each student and to their parents. Moreover, all Heads of Year and classroom teachers in Saar Campus receive a copy of the timetables for each student.

PROGRESS AND EXPECTATIONS

Demand for Instrumental lessons is very high. Allocation of places depends on a variety of factors including, but not exclusive to, vacancies, previous instrumental experience, choice of instrument and support for our performing ensembles and choirs. There is an expectation that students who receive lessons will become active musicians as they progress. This means that membership of our large ensembles (Orchestras, Bands, Choirs and so forth) is expected and encouraged.

It is understood that students will progress at different rates. However, if it is deemed that progress is minimal due to lack of commitment and practise by the student, their continued participation in the scheme will be reviewed by the Director of Whole School Music.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are a variety of extra-curricular activities on offer and there is an expectation that students will attend at least one of these. We appreciate there is more choice for some instruments but we encourage all students to join the choir to develop aural skills and sight reading.

FEES

Lessons cost BD147 per term in Saar Campus and BD189 per term in Isa Campus. Both are inclusive of VAT.

ATTENDANCE

It is the student's responsibility to attend lessons. Students are expected to arrive promptly for the start of their lesson and to come prepared with all of the required material. Children in years 2 - 4 will be collected from their classroom if they forget to turn up for their lesson. However, children in years 5 & 6 will occasionally be collected but not on a regular basis.



St Christopher's School commits to providing a minimum of 30 lessons throughout the academic year. Lessons that are missed due to student absence, or lessons that are missed because the child is not in school, for example school trips or fixtures, will be forfeited. No makeup lessons are provided. If necessary, a pro rata rebate will be issued at the end of the academic year to any student who we were unable to fulfill our commitment of 30 lessons.

Absences of Instrumental staff will be communicated to families by the Music Administrator giving as much notice as possible.

PRACTICE

We appreciate the support of parents and family members and encourage you to maintain regular daily practice. It is therefore essential that your child has ready access to an instrument on which to do so.

INSTRUMENT HIRE

St Christopher's School has an inventory of instruments that may be hired. The Fee for instrument hire is BD 25 per term.

Instruments available for hire include:

Violin	Tuba	French Horn
Guitar	Cello	Clarinet
Double Bass	Trombone	Saxophone
Viola	Euphonium	
Trumpet	Flute	

All instruments will be issued in good working order and it is the parent's responsibility to ensure correct care and maintenance of the instrument. It is strongly recommended that parents arrange suitable insurance for the instrument.

EXAMINATIONS

Students may be entered for ABRSM or Trinity examinations at the instrumental teacher's discretion. The teacher will select the most appropriate level of examination grade. Parents are required to pay the full cost involved in undertaking examinations (examination fee, accompanist's fee, etc.).

For any further information, or to apply for a position on the scheme, please contact the Music Administrator.

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