



MUSIC AT BOLINGBROKE

Curriculum

Music at Bolingbroke strives to give pupils a rounded experience of composition, performance and appraising through study of a wide variety of musical cultures. This broad, stimulating curriculum is both challenging and enjoyable for ALL pupils and will equip them with the skills to succeed in further music education should they choose that path.

Assessment is embedded into the infrastructure of schemes of work, enabling us to personalise learning to meet the needs of all pupils in our care, making achievement and progress visible to both the children and their parents/carers. Pupils' work is often kept (and reviewed) as an audio or video recording, and will make regular use of ICT.

Instrumental lessons for all

Every Year 7 pupil at Bolingbroke receives group tuition in either **Brass, Woodwind, Guitar or Voice**. This is a timetabled lesson that happens every week.

Instrumental lessons give children the opportunity to:

- dedicate themselves to a new skill (they try all 'pathways' before committing to one)
- promote self confidence through regular performance opportunities
- learn how to practice effectively and independently

ALL PUPILS who receive these lessons perform in concerts (attended by parents/carers, as well as people in the local community), and are assessed regularly in line with ABRSM grade standards (qualifications recognised as the standard in the music business). Pupils will sit a 'Bolingbroke' grade at the end of the Summer Term. Pupils also have the chance to pay for instrumental tuition on a wider variety of instruments as part of our Instrumental Lesson Programme (ILP).

Enrichment opportunities

Our **extensive enrichment programme** offers pupils the opportunity to further their musical learning in a wide range of activities. Visiting AIRs (Artists in Residence) and YMMs (Young Music Mentors) help diversify this experience and provide fresh insight into the world of music. G&T pupils also have the opportunity to mix with other talented musicians as part of the 'SAFE' or 'ONE VOICE' initiatives run by ARK Schools.

ENRICHMENT CURRENTLY OFFERED:

Senior Band - Training Band - Woodwind Ensemble - Guitar Ensemble
Rock School - African Drumming - Choir - Theory/Aural Class - Senior Choir

Music at Bolingbroke Academy is highly regarded in the community and our students are frequently invited to exclusive music events.

Performances are held every term, both in the school building, and at venues in the local community.





INSTRUMENTAL LESSON PROGRAMME (ILP)

What we offer

At Bolingbroke, we offer a peripatetic lesson programme delivered by a team of trained professionals that enables pupils to have access to tuition on the following instruments:

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| Brass: | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet | <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone | <input type="checkbox"/> Horn | | |
| Strings: | <input type="checkbox"/> Violin | <input type="checkbox"/> Viola | <input type="checkbox"/> Cello | | |
| Woodwind: | <input type="checkbox"/> Flute | <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet | <input type="checkbox"/> Saxophone | <input type="checkbox"/> Bassoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Oboe |
| Vocal: | <input type="checkbox"/> Voice | | | | |
| Guitar: | <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Guitar | | | |
| Percussion: | <input type="checkbox"/> Piano/Keyboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Drum Kit / Tuned Percussion | | | |

Pupils who sign up to these lessons receive ten 25-minute lessons (delivered during the normal school day) throughout the term. These lessons are timetabled carefully so that pupils don't miss too much of the same class throughout a term.

These lessons can be taken up as solo lessons (1 to 1 tuition), or can also be taken up as group lessons (maximum 3 pupils of similar ability in a group) for a cheaper price.

Why take up music lessons?

Music lessons at Bolingbroke are a way for pupils to:

- further their tuition on an instrument previously studied (eg. at Primary School, or in Year 7 lessons)
- prepare for performances (Bolingbroke holds a number of concerts during the academic year)
- improve their ability to practice independently (a very transferable skill)
- take an ABRSM Grade exam (a qualification recognised by all education institutions)

Our expectations

To help the ILP thrive, we have expectations of both parents/carers and pupils that need to be fulfilled.

Parents/Carers

- We expect:
- Every child on the ILP to have an instrument to practice on (if applicable - you can hire through Bolingbroke if necessary at a very reasonable rate)
 - Payment for lessons (and hire if applicable) to be made promptly
 - That you support your child's musical development by encouraging them to practice

Pupils

- We expect:
- Every child to check the timetable regularly, and be organised about lesson times
 - Arrive promptly to lessons, and make the most of your time in these lessons
 - Practice regularly as specified by your peripatetic teacher
 - Participate in Academy music events when called upon

As a department, we reserve the right to cancel a pupil's lessons if we feel that expectations aren't being met. Payment is made on a termly basis (you pay for 10 lessons, not lesson by lesson). If you wish to cancel a child's lessons, sufficient notice (at least 2 weeks) must be given - otherwise we will assume that you wish to continue lessons through to the next term.

If you have any questions about the instrumental lesson programme, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Dyne, our peripatetic music coordinator:

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