

PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for music lessons at TASIS?

To register your children for lessons, please send an email to musiclessons@tasisengland.org

Who can take private instrumental lessons at TASIS?

All students in Grade One and up are welcome to enrol in private instrumental lessons at TASIS.

How long are the lessons, and how many lessons are in a semester?

Lessons are either 30 or 45 minutes. 30-minute lessons are suitable for most, but students in Grade Eight and above may elect to have a 45-minute lesson, schedule permitting. There are 12 lessons in each semester.

Who teaches the lessons?

Most of the private lessons are taught by self-employed music teachers who work at the school between one and four days per week. Lessons are also taught by members of the Music Department faculty. You can read more about individual instructors' experience and qualifications on our website, in the Academics section under "Faculty and Staff Directory".

Are lessons scheduled during the school day?

Upper and Middle School students can have an instrumental lesson during a study hall or a lunch period, schedule permitting. Students in Lower School may **only** have a lesson during the school day with permission from their classroom teacher, and this lesson **must** take place during the lunch recess period.

All other music lessons will be scheduled after school, Monday to Friday.

How is the scheduling done?

Lessons are scheduled primarily on a first-come first-served basis. We will search your child's schedule to find the best possible time slot and instructor. Wherever possible, students will be kept with the same instructor year on year, unless a change is requested.

Can missed lessons be made up?

Lessons can be made up only if the instructor misses the lessons. If a scheduling conflict causes your child to miss a lesson, the teacher is **not** obligated to offer a make-up lesson. If ample notice is given, however, the teacher may be able to offer an alternative time.

Where can I buy or rent instruments?

For pianos, we recommend:
Sheargold's Music (Cobham)
01932 866577
www.sheargoldmusic.com

For woodwind instruments:

Dawkes Music
01628 630800
www.dawkes.co.uk

For strings, sheet music and accessories:
ABC Music (Esher)
01372 466195
www.abcmusic.co.uk

Brittens Music (West Byfleet)
01932 351165
www.brittensmusic.co.uk

How can I help my child get the most out of music lessons?

- Make sure your child has a practice notebook. Read the teacher's weekly instructions for practice, and encourage regular practice at home. One short practice every day is much better than a marathon session just before the next lesson!
- Keep in contact with the teacher. Make sure you establish contact by email or phone, and keep the teacher informed of your child's progress at home.
- Observe a lesson. Parents are always welcome to sit in on lessons. Visiting the lesson may help you to help your child with practice at home.

For further information:

If you have any other questions, or need further information, please contact:

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