



**D'OVERBROECK'S
OXFORD**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL LESSON PROGRAMME: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Music is an important part of life at d'Overbroeck's. As well as making the most of the rich curricular and extracurricular provision, well over a third of our students choose to take vocal and instrumental lessons. These lessons are provided by a team of excellent peripatetic music teachers who visit the school on a weekly basis. Students and their teachers use the weekly 35-minute lessons to prepare for external examinations, performances or to explore music for fun.

Lessons are currently available in:

- Classical Piano
- Jazz Piano
- Acoustic & Electric Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Drum Kit
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Cornet
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Voice
- Violin
- Viola
- 'Cello

Should a student wish to study an instrument that is not listed above, we will endeavour to find a suitable teacher.

Lesson Arrangements & Cost

The arrangements for instrumental and vocal lessons are specific to the part of the school that a student is in:

	Senior School	The International School	The Sixth Form
Where?	Lessons take place in our purpose-built POD, the Hall or the Hall Office at the Leckford Road site	Lessons take place in the practice room at TIS, 111 Banbury Road	Lessons take place in one of the practice rooms at 333 Banbury Road or in the Cohen Hall
When?	Lessons will be arranged on a rotational basis to minimize disruption to classroom subjects	Lessons will be arranged on a rotational basis to minimize disruption to classroom subjects	Lessons will take place in a fixed study period or in an activities slot that is not being used

For students from all sections of the school, it may be possible to arrange lessons outside of normal school hours.

Each 35-minute lesson costs £51 and we endeavour to schedule 10 lessons per term, and no more than 30 over the academic year. Lesson fees will be billed termly, in arrears, by The Bursary (ie Term 1 will be on the Term 2 bill).

Notice Period

Should a student wish to stop instrumental or vocal lessons, parents should send written notice to the Director of Music at least **half a term in advance**.

Parents or Guardians of students in Years 11, 11i & 13 are asked to notify the Director of Music of their intentions for the exam period by the end of the spring term. It is recommended that students in Year 11 & 11i students stop lessons at the beginning of May to concentrate on their exam revision. Students in Year 13 normally continue lessons until May half term. Precise arrangements for students in exam years should be communicated by the Director of Music at the beginning of the summer term.

How to Enrol

To enrol your son or daughter for instrumental or vocal lessons for the coming year please complete the online 'Instrumental & Vocal Lessons Enrolment Form'. To access the form please [click here](#). Demand for lessons is usually high. Enrolments will be processed as they are received, with students being placed on a waiting list when available places are filled. ***Please note - students who are continuing lessons need to enrol again!***

Enquiries

If you have any questions related to music lessons please get in touch with Richard Poyser, Director of Music: Richard.poyser@doverbroecks.com

Instrumental & Vocal Lessons: Terms & Conditions

1. Lessons will be allocated to students on a first-come-first-served basis. A waiting list will be kept for students who cannot be accommodated.
2. Students will receive an average of 10 lessons per term and 30 lessons over the academic year.
3. The cost of each 35-minute lesson is £51.00.
4. Lessons are billed in arrears and are added on to your next bill.
5. Lessons will take place on the site where a student is ordinarily based.
6. For students at the Senior School or at TIS, lessons will operate on a rotational basis to minimize disruption to classroom subjects.
7. For students in Years 12 & 13 lessons will take place either in a fixed study period or during an activities slot that is not being used for an activity.
8. **Any decision to terminate instrument lessons must be made in writing to the Director of Music at least one half-term in advance.**

9. Parents or Guardians of students in Years 11, 11i & 13 are asked to notify the Director of Music of their intentions for the exam period by the end of the spring term. Precise arrangements for students in exam years will be communicated by the Director of Music at the beginning of the summer term.
10. If the student is absent, the peripatetic teacher is not obliged to reschedule the lesson. If the teacher is absent, they will endeavour to arrange a suitable alternative.
11. Should a student have a school trip/sporting fixture/GCSE coursework lesson that means missing their lesson, the student or their parents must advise the Director of Music at least two days in advance of the lesson. Given this notice every effort will be made to reschedule the lesson. When sufficient notice of such events has not been received, the student will be charged for the lesson.
12. Students should arrive punctually to lessons, with their instrument, music and practice notebook (where appropriate). Teachers will go to find students who forget or who do not arrive after 10 minutes, but this time will not be made up and will still be charged for.
13. d'Overbroeck's endeavours to provide the best possible musical education for its students. If any problems arise concerning musical instrument lessons, then students or parents should contact the Director of Music as soon as possible.