



THE BRITISH SCHOOL AL KHUBAIRAT

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

BSAK offers an exceptional instrumental Music programme and comprises 14 full time professional musicians, delivering bespoke instrumental tuition to over 450 of our students. The Music Department, which is located in the Phase 4 Building on the 2nd Floor, is one of very few schools in the UAE that employ their own instrumental Music teachers. Usually, students are scheduled to take one 30 minute instrumental lesson per week during the school day. To ensure minimal impact on curriculum learning, lessons are rotated throughout the school day.

Where instrumental timetables are at full capacity, we run a waiting list system when necessary. If spaces are immediately available in your chosen instrument your child will be offered a place in writing, otherwise we will contact you again when vacancies arise. Music tuition is available for students from Year 2 onwards. (Yr 2- subject to proportion & size suitability).

Please use the Parent Portal for any enquiries about music lessons. On the portal you can fill out a form for your child which is submitted directly to our music administrator. Locate the 'Music' folder, then 'Music Enquiries', which allows you to fill out the form for your child. You will need to fill out a separate form for each child. We encourage you to use the parent portal for all enquiries as you will get a more prompt response than through email.

All new students are offered a trial session for their first lesson, which is free of charge regardless of whether tuition is continued on a regular basis. If the teacher, student and parents are keen to continue with the chosen lesson, a contract and offer will be sent to the parents including subsequent costs of tuition and, if applicable, instrument hire (which starts from the date of the first scheduled lesson) after the trial lesson.

GETTING TO LESSONS AND SCHEDULING

- **Students in Year 2 – 4** will be collected by their instrumental teacher for all lessons.
- **Students in Year 5 – 6** will be collected for their first lesson only, but will be encouraged to be independent in attending their lessons after this.
- **Students in Year 7 – 13** will make their way independently to lessons.

Timetables for instrumental lessons will be sent to parents and students via email the week prior to the next lesson. In addition, lessons will be added to the students' google calendar to help manage scheduling. Every attempt is made to ensure that there are no clashes with school calendar events, however, we urge parents to notify the department before the commencement of the week of the lesson if there are any changes needed to be made. These requests should not be made out of school hours or weekends, as they may not be addressed in time.

COST OF LESSONS

SEPTEMBER 2023-2024 (VAT INCLUDED)

Individual	AED 152.00	30min
	AED 228.00	45min
	AED 304.00	60min
Group (Subject to instrument suitability and availability)	AED 105.00	30min

- Instrumental Hire Fee – 273.00 AED per term.
Guitars and Keyboards are not available for rental, however, a Piano Service Fee (50.00 AED) - per term (invoiced as hire fee) is charged to help offset the cost of piano tuning and maintenance in the department.
- Guitar students are also required to have their own instruments. If your child does not currently own one, then we will suggest the appropriate size to purchase after their first trial lesson.

INSTRUMENTAL INVOICES

- Instrumental invoices will be sent from our accounts team by email after the free trial lesson.
- Invoices need to be paid before the end of the term, and lessons will not commence the next term if outstanding dues are not paid.
- Any lessons not able to be delivered due to a school event, teacher absence or holiday will either be given at another convenient time or reimbursed. If the lesson is missed due to students not attending, the lesson will be counted as received, as the teacher is ready and available to give the lesson. However, if the student is poorly and has an authorised absence, please let Mrs Price or the instrumental teacher know and we will endeavour to reschedule the lesson where possible.

WE OFFER TUITION IN

- **Woodwind:** Flute, Piccolo, Alto Flute, Bass Flute, Recorder, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon
- **Brass:** Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Baritone, Tuba, Eb Horn
- **Strings:** Cello, Double Bass, Violin and Viola
- **Guitar:** Classical, Acoustic Guitar, Plectrum Steel, Electric, Bass
- **Singing:** Classical, Music Theatre, Rock, Pop
- **Keyboard:** Piano
- **Drums and Percussion:** Drum kit, Orchestral Percussion
- **Recorder:** is taught by Mrs Day and Mr Kerr. You can sign your child up for this free CCA club on the parent portal. Spaces are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions directly related to the recorder, please contact Mrs Day.



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LUNCH TIME OR AFTER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS VIA ISOCS (PARENT PORTAL LOGIN)

In addition to individual instrumental lessons, we have a wide variety of co-curricular ensembles and clubs. These will support students having instrumental lessons and further develop their musicianship. Some of these ensembles are invite only and our teachers will guide you and your child accordingly. These ensembles can be viewed via the iSOCS parent portal as per other squads and activities within the school. We also offer Music Theory and Aural lessons free of charge to ensure that your child is well equipped to access the exam boards they are following. We currently deliver ABRSM, Trinity, Rock and Pop examination syllabi.

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