



Instrumental and Vocal Tuition at Cheltenham Bournside School **September 2024-25**

If you are interested in your child having instrumental or vocal tuition while at Bournside please contact the relevant tutor directly from the list below:

Mrs Nia Bennett (**Piano/Keyboard**) music@niabennett.co.uk
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For further information read the **FAQs** below or please contact Bournside's Head of Music, Matt Cutress mjc@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk

What instrument can I learn?

It is possible to learn the full range of orchestral instruments:

Violin, Viola, Cello

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon

Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba

Lessons are also available for Drums, Piano, Electronic Keyboard, Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar and Singing

Can I get a bursary for peripatetic lessons?

Gloucestershire County Council do provide a means tested bursary for lessons all details of which can be found here <https://www.makemusicgloucestershire.org.uk/schools/mmg-grants-and-bursaries/> Be aware that funding can run out and it is better to get in quickly.

Who provides the lessons?

Lessons are taught by a team of music tutors. You would be expected to sign a contract with them agreeing to their terms and conditions.

Will my child be taught on their own?

Most of our tutors offer the option of an individual or a shared lesson.

How long do the lessons last for?

Lessons last for 30 or 20 minutes depending on the option you choose.

When do the lessons take place?

Most of the lessons take during the normal school day. The lessons are organised in a rotation system so that your child does not miss the same lesson each week.

How many lessons are the per teaching block?

Lessons are for in blocks of 10. These do not always coincide with the start of each term.

How much do the lessons cost?

Lessons vary depending on tutor and instrument, but are around the following figures:

- £165 for a half-hour lesson (per block of ten lessons)
- £110 for a 20-minute lesson (per block of ten lessons)
- £82.50 for a **shared** 30-minute lesson (per block of ten lessons)

When will I have to pay for the lessons?

You will receive a contract from the tutor which you will need to sign. Payment is usually expected before lessons begin.

What instrument will my child use?

Your child will either use their own instrument or you can hire one through Gloucestershire Music (see their website). You may be entitled to the free use of an instrument.

Instruments can also be hire from JAZZ SHED in Charlton Kings who offer a rent to buy scheme.

What will the school do to ensure your child gets the most out of their lessons?

- Encourage your child to play their instrument during their class music lessons
 - Encourage your child get involved in extra-curricular music groups
 - Inform them about extra-curricular music groups outside of school
- Give them the opportunity to perform in numerous concerts and events

What can I do to ensure that my child gets the most out of their lessons?

- Be aware of the of their lessons and remind them to attend
- Play an active part in encouraging them to do regular practice
- Try to listen to your child playing/singing at least once a week
 - Contact us if you feel there is a problem

How will the school inform me about my child's progress?

Your child's instrumental or singing teacher will always be happy to talk to you to discuss their progress.

What other musical opportunities are there for my child at Bournside?

We run a number of extra-curricular music groups including:

- Jazz Band Orchestra
- Youth Choir Guitar Group
- Folk Band Senior Choir