



Instrumental tuition at secondary school

York Music Service provides tuition for most instruments in York secondary schools, and we anticipate that most children will continue with their lessons in year 7, unless we hear otherwise.

We hope that this information sheet will answer any questions that you or your child may have about lessons at secondary school. If you would like further help or advice, please contact us via the website.

Frequently asked questions

Will my child continue lessons with the same tutor?

We will do our best to ensure that your child continues lessons with the same tutor, if they are already working through York Music Service.

Will lessons always be at the same time and day?

Lessons in secondary school are on a rota so that pupils do not always miss the same academic subject. **Pupils will need to find the instrumental timetable (usually on the music department notice board) to check when their lesson will be.** Pupils must also let their subject teacher know in advance when they will be attending an instrumental lesson.

When will lessons start?

All YMS tutors will visit their schools during the first few days of a new academic year to put timetables on the notice boards, and we will contact you by email to let you know when lessons will start. If this does not happen within the first two weeks of the new term, please contact us so that we can rectify the problem.

Will the teacher come to find my child for their lesson?

Unfortunately this is not possible in secondary schools. The responsibility for attending lessons is with the pupil. The pupil must also tell the instrumental tutor if they are unable to attend at that time for any reason. The tutor will do their best to avoid any difficult times the pupil may have, but cannot guarantee to give specific lesson times.

What happens if my child is not allowed out of their academic lesson?

Most secondary school teachers are used to pupils needing to leave an academic lesson in order to have an instrumental lesson - just be polite when asking. However, if there is a problem, the first option is to mention this to the Head of Music in the school, who will do their best to sort out the situation. If it continues to be a problem however, the instrumental tutor should be told, and he/she will report the situation to York Music Service to deal with. The pupil should always make sure that someone is informed of any difficulties they may be encountering.