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Continuing your music education with
Hounslow Music Service

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Your child's music education

At Hounslow Music Service, we offer a variety of options for your child's music education.

HMS has been established for over 30 years and teaches over 10,000 young musicians weekly in Hounslow Schools. We have a team of highly qualified and experienced staff who can help your child to fulfil their musical potential.

Parents register with us when their child:

- wants to learn to sing or play a musical instrument
- reaches the end of their initial musical instrument training in school
- moves to secondary school

We hope that this booklet will answer most of the questions that you may have, but if you have any further queries, you may find the answer on our website at www.hounslowmusic.org.uk. You can contact the music service by email at info@hounslowmusic.org.uk, or call on 020 3325 3142.

Why learn a musical instrument?

Apart from the sheer joy of making music, there is a wealth of research to confirm that learning a musical instrument can help pupils develop:

- self-confidence
- self-discipline
- imagination and creativity
- communication skills
- team and social skills
- listening skills
- self-reliance
- co-operation
- loyalty
- commitment
- concentration
- co-ordination



With all of these benefits, universities and many employers recognise the benefits in taking on students and staff with music education experience. Pupils who are successful in higher grade music exams receive additional UCAS points towards university applications.

What instrument can my child learn with HMS?

Hounslow Music Service offers tuition on a wide range of instruments. We teach pupils with all levels of experience, from their first lesson to diploma level.

The box below shows the tuition currently available through HMS.

Brass instruments

- Trumpet
- Cornet
- Tenor horn
- Horn
- Euphonium
- Baritone horn
- Trombone
- Tuba

Keyboard instruments

- Keyboard
- Piano

Percussion instruments

- Drum kit
- Orchestral percussion

String instruments

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double bass
- Guitar
- Ukulele

Voice

- Singing

Woodwind instruments

- Recorder
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Saxophone

Where can my child learn a musical instrument?

At HMS we realise that not all children or families are the same, and that many have different priorities and time pressures. Therefore, we offer a flexible set of options for learning.

Most children start to learn a musical instrument with us in their school and, for many children, this option works well.

Out of school, we offer lessons:

- On midweek evenings at our Music Centre in Pears Road, Hounslow, and
- On Saturday mornings at our Saturday Academy, which is based at Hounslow Town Primary School on School Road, Hounslow.

Whatever the venue, Hounslow Music Service delivers 30 lessons per year to each pupil.



Learning at junior or primary school

For our lessons in junior or primary schools, at Key Stages 1 and 2, the vast majority of our lessons take place in small groups (a maximum of 4 pupils per 30 minutes).

Research has shown that this is the best way for young musicians to learn.

If you wish your child to learn in their junior or primary school, please speak to the school office to find out what options are available. The instruments taught and the charge for lessons in junior and primary schools are decided by the individual schools.

If your child's school does not offer tuition in the instrument you require, you might consider lessons for your child at one of our music centres.

Learning at high school

There are several different options for learning when your child is at high school.

This depends on which school your child attends.

If your child attends one of the following schools, you can request lessons through www.hounslowmusic.org.uk/enrol:

- Brentford School for Girls
- Gumley House Convent School
- The Green School for Girls
- St. Marks Catholic School

The following options are available:

Lesson type	Cost	Reduction of fees for pupils in receipt of free school meals
Individual lesson – 30 minutes	£203 per term	None available
Individual lesson – 20 minutes	£135 per term	60% reduction - £54 per term to pay
Paired lesson – 30 minutes	£102 per term	60% reduction - £40.80 per term to pay

When you enrol for lessons, you will initially be placed on a waiting list and you will be informed when there is an opportunity for your child to learn.

If your child's Hounslow high school is any other than those listed above, please contact the Head of Music in the school to discuss learning opportunities and costs.



Learning out of school – midweek

There are many reasons why some pupils wish to learn a musical instrument outside of the school setting. HMS offers one-to-one tuition after school at our Music Centre in Pears Road, Hounslow. These lessons take place between 4pm and 8.30pm several evening of the week.

Individual lessons at the Music Centre are charged at £203 per term (10 lessons).

Learning out of school – Saturdays

In addition to these lessons, on Saturday mornings we run the Hounslow Music Academy at Hounslow Town School on School Road, Hounslow. In addition to instrumental and vocal tuition, pupils can join ensembles, sing in the Saturday School Choir and take musicianship classes.

The following lesson options are available at the Academy:

Lesson type	Full cost	Reduction of fees for pupils in receipt of free school meals
Individual lesson – 30 minutes	£203 per term	None available
Paired lesson* – 30 minutes	£102 per term	60% reduction £40.80 per term to pay
Special Award ** <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30-minute individual lesson• musicianship lesson• membership of Saturday Choir• membership of ensembles	£230 per term	60% reduction £92 per term to pay

**Available only if a suitable pairing of students is available.*

*** The awarding of a Special Award may be available to pupils taking paired lessons in certain circumstances and only if a suitable pairing of students is available. The cost would then be £115 per term or £46 if the child is in receipt of free school meals*

If you wish your child to have lessons at either Music Centre or Academy please enrol at www.hounslowmusic.org/enrol. You will be contacted when a vacancy is available.

Do I need to buy an instrument for my child?

You might not want to buy an instrument for your child until you know for certain that they want to continue learning.

We have a large number of musical instruments available for hire. The hire scheme is very popular and demand for instruments is high, and so we operate a strict first come first served basis. Instruments can only be hired for the use of children who have lessons through a Hounslow Music Service tutor.

The instruments in our hire scheme include: violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, french horn, tenor horn, baritone horn, euphonium and tuba, as well as a number of other instruments. We do not hire pianos, keyboards or drumkits.

Are there opportunities for my child to perform?

We believe that performance should be at the centre of all musical learning and we offer high-quality performance opportunities for all of our pupils.

Through our ensemble structure, we offer a progressive range of bands, orchestras and ensembles to meet the needs of the vast majority of our pupils. Each ensemble performs three times a year in our own concerts.

Our ensembles often perform at other prestigious venues. Over the past few years, these have included the Royal Festival Hall, the Clore Ballroom at the Southbank, Trafalgar Square, The House of Lords, Dean's Yard and Kempton Park Steam Museum!

Pupils may also be offered the opportunity to take part in European concert tours in July.

Further information regarding ensembles can be found at www.hounslowmusic.org.uk/ensembles



Each term, we host a chamber concert at the Music Centre on Pears Road, Hounslow. These concerts provide an opportunity for individuals and small ensembles to perform to peers and parents.

Can my child take exams on their instrument?

When your child's teacher is happy that they are ready, your child may be offered the chance to take a music exam. At The Music Centre, we are an examination centre for both Trinity and ABRSM (Associated Board) examinations. Exams take place twice a year, in February and July.

We understand that music exams are not suitable for all pupils, but many pupils do enjoy the process.

We are proud of the high results our pupils regularly achieve.

For pupils wishing to study at university, it is worth remembering that success in Grade 6, 7 and 8 exams carries additional UCAS points.



What to do next

If you have decided that you would like your child to start learning or carrying on learning a musical instrument or voice with Hounslow Music the next steps are:

- If you would like your child to learn in a Junior/Primary school please speak to the school directly
- If you would like your child to learn in High School and your child attends one of the following schools, please apply for lessons via our website at www.hounslow-music.org.uk/enrol
 - o Brentford School for Girls
 - o Gumley House Convent School
 - o The Green School for Girls
 - o St. Marks Catholic School
- If your child attends any other Hounslow High School, please speak to the Head of Music in the individual school.
- If you would like your child to learn at our Music Centres or Saturday Academy, please apply for lessons via our website at www.hounslowmusic.org.uk/enrol

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