



Piano Lessons at St Mary's Schools

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Piano tuition

Parents requiring tuition for their son or daughter should apply by email in advance, to Mr Mancuso. The lessons will be given on Thursday or Friday each week. If parents wish to withdraw a pupil from piano lessons, notice in writing is required prior to the half term in order to cease at the end of that term. Notice received after that point will incur the full fee for the following term.

For further information regarding **methodology**, experiences and references, please visit: www.zinomancuso.com

Times of lessons

Each pupil receives an individual lesson of 20 minutes or 30 minutes per week, depending on the request of the parents. The lessons take place during normal school time and operate on a rota basis, so that no pupil has to interrupt the same lesson each week. Some lessons maybe arranged during the lunch break, or during free periods if any.

Instrumental tuition fees

Individual weekly lessons of 20 minutes duration cost £ 10 per lesson, 30 minutes duration cost £ 15, billed each term in advance. There are 10/12 lessons average per term. If Mr Mancuso, for various reasons, is unable to teach the exact number of lessons billed each term, he will refund the lesson's fees.

Instruments

Pupils wishing to learn the piano should either have an acoustic piano or touch-sensitive electric piano, or at least, a keyboard at home, or have access to one on a daily basis for practice purposes.

Students do not always maintain initial interest shown on a particular instrument, and in such a situation it would be unwise for the parents to spend a large sum of money. Is possible to rent an instrument from a local music shop.

The Role of the Teacher, the Pupil, the Parents and the School

The Teacher will:

- Provide regular music tuition during the course of the academic year.
- Provide written reports at the end of the academic year
- Arrange for your child to be entered for music exams (ABRSM) when, in the opinion of the teacher, your child has reached the appropriate standard.
- Inform parents via email whenever your child has shown a particular problem related to the piano practice and/or lesson.
- Provide the starting piano book, a notebook and additional music scores to encourage and stimulate the pupils' interest and enthusiasm.
- Attend concerts and recitals held in St Mary's during the year, whenever your child will perform.
- Try to make it up, if is possible, for a lesson missed because of illness of the pupil.

The Pupil will:

- Attend his/her piano lesson punctually each week and bring along the music book and notebook.
- Try to practise every day. Realistically, pupils need to practise on a minimum of four occasions per week in order for satisfactory progress to be made, the duration of each practice session to be advised by the teacher

The Parents will:

- Oversee and encourage their child to practise, as agreed above
- Oversee the care of their child's musical instrument and material.
- *Agree to pay for the lessons (20 minutes or 30 minutes) each term in advance*, and if is possible, give a little contribution of £3 for the cost of paper, ink, notebook and additional material given by Mr Mancuso.
- *Agree to give written notice by half term in order for their child to give up music lessons at the end of that term; otherwise a term's fees will be due in lieu.*

The School will:

- Provide appropriate opportunities for your child to take part in extra-curricular musical activities and concerts.
 - Provide a teaching room with a piano for the lessons.
 - Communicate any concerns or problems from the instrumental teacher via the class teacher or Head of Music.
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