



St. Vincent's, Castleknock College

Music Tuition Details

Students can choose to take lessons in the college in any of the instruments listed below.

Trumpet		Saxophone		Violin	
Trombone		Flute		Voice	
Piano		Clarinet		Guitar	
Bass Guitar		Percussion			

Music Lessons

Please go to the **Shop** tab on the college website to purchase lessons. Your son will be added to lesson timetables, once payment is received. Email musiclessons@castleknockcollege.ie with any queries.

*Please note, we do accommodate students who wish to start later in the term. Prices will update accordingly, each week on the **Shop** tab until October mid-term. Please email after that for any further price adjustments.

Tuition on musical instruments is available in the College on a 2-Term basis.

Term 1: 14 Weeks	Term 2: 14 Weeks
12 th September – W/C 9 th January	16 th January - Summer
Private lessons €350	Private lessons €350
Double Lessons €220	Double Lessons €220

Lessons are provided by expert tutors on a variety of instruments and activities. Lessons take place during the school day. Tutors arrange timetables on a rotational basis to minimise disruption from regular classes. There is a variety of options available to students on the uptake of music lessons in the College:

Important: Paired lessons are available to beginners in Woodwind, Brass, Strings, Percussion, Guitar and voice only. Piano cannot be taught in a double lesson.

*The group lessons are subject to demand on the instrument. Students must also be of the same level in a group lesson. Therefore, it is not always possible to accommodate everyone who wants to avail of the group lessons.

*This means that in term 1, if a student is not able to be accommodated in a double lesson, the fee will only cover 9 solo classes. It is up to the parent to decide if they wish to continue solo lessons for the term and pay the remainder, or cease lessons at that point. Any student can re-join lessons at any point, once the fee is paid.

In term 2, the cut off point for double lessons will be week 5. At this point of the year, it should be clear whether doubles are available for the student.

Instrument Rental/Purchase

There are a number of options available to pupils beginning a new instrument.

High quality instruments can be obtained on a **rent-to-buy** basis, whereby a small deposit is paid for a student to try it out for a term before fully committing to it. The remaining cost may then be paid to purchase it, in full. Please feel free to mention the College, as it may help the rental process move more quickly. (For more info: go to www.paulryanmusic.com. Based in Temple Bar, quality instruments are available with an excellent after-care service). We will also be able to advise on where to purchase beginner instruments, for as little as €90 (online from www.thomann.de or www.gear4music.ie). Beginner instruments are available at a very cheap price, but pupils may 'grow out of them', sooner. However, this can be an excellent option, too.

Instrumental ensembles

We are delighted to offer Instrumental ensembles for many of the instruments. These are free of charge to woodwind, brass and orchestral string players. Students beginning these instruments will be encouraged to join the 1st Year Band, where only a few weeks of lessons will be required to make a great sound. Orchestras are offered to students of all abilities and experiences. These are hugely beneficial to pupils, both musically and socially.

Homework policy

When a student absents themselves from a class to attend a music lesson, they are obliged to get the homework assigned to that class and complete it. This has been common practice in the school for many years and it is important that this rule is adhered to.

Should you wish to avail of instrumental tuition in the school year, please complete the form on the reverse of this page.