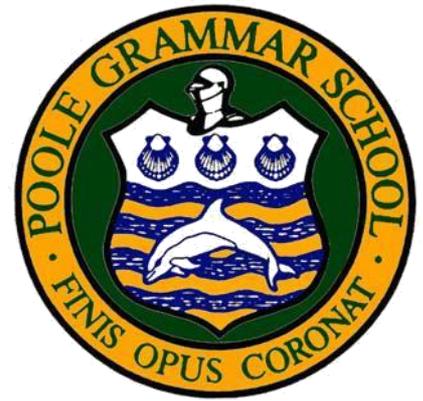


# Poole Grammar School Music Department 2018 - 2019







Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of the musical opportunities for your son in the Music Department here at Poole Grammar School. We have a very busy programme of activities, with many students in every year group involved in music making to a high standard.

The Music Department has purpose-built accommodation in the Ashley Thorne Building, opened in 2010. Facilities include two Music Classrooms, two large Music Studios, five small Music Studios and a Recording Studio. In addition, the Cleave Hall is a large multi-purpose performance space, shared with the Drama Department.

Many performances take place throughout the year at school and in the community. In the summers of 2014 and 2015, we were delighted that the PGS Concert Band and Senior Percussion Ensemble were invited to the National Festival of Music for Youth, performing at Birmingham Conservatoire and at the iconic Symphony Hall. Again, in 2017 the Senior Percussion Ensemble played for Music for Youth in Birmingham.

There are many great opportunities for music-making in the school and we look forward to supporting your son's future musical progress. The following pages give details of Musical Events for the Autumn Term 2018 and into 2019, Music Ensembles and information on Instrumental Tuition.

I do hope your son will enjoy the musical opportunities here. I ask you to supply information to me at Poole Grammar School by completing the enclosed Music Information Form and returning it to Mrs Melinda Twycross/ Mrs Nadia Gribbins (Maternity Cover) at the school office. I am particularly keen to have accurate information regarding Instrumental Tuition, so that I can make the necessary staffing arrangements in good time.

Even if your son is not a specialist musician, it is very useful for us to see students' previous musical experience so that we can give appropriate classroom opportunities, in addition to the extra-curricular ensembles. Please complete and return the attached form.

With many thanks and best wishes,

**D. W. Beeby**  
**Head of Music Dept.**  
**BeebyD@poolegrammar.com**



## Autumn Term 2018

### PGS Autumn Concert - November 2018

Preparation for this event will take place in extra-curricular sessions during the Autumn Term. This concert will showcase the work of all our PGS Ensembles. All parents and friends are most welcome.



*Oliver!*

### Poole & Parkstone Grammar Schools present Lionel Bart's classic "Oliver!" - October 2018

This joint production will feature students from both schools in a production of the classic musical by Lionel Bart, based on Charles Dickens' timeless story. Oliver's search for his identity and his quest "where is love?"

takes place among the grimy, dangerous streets of London, where Fagin, The Artful Dodger and their gang just "have to pick a pocket or two" in their fight for survival.

### Poole Schools' Music Association Christmas Concert - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Musicians from Poole Grammar School join forces with students from Poole Schools to present an evening of festive music at Poole's Centre for the Arts, in the Lighthouse Concert Hall.

### PGS Christmas Festival Service - December 2018

All new pupils and their parents are warmly invited to attend our annual Christmas celebration. PGS Voices, the Parent Staff Association Choir, Brass and Percussion Ensembles lead the music in a service of readings and carols at St James' Parish Church, Poole Old Town. Again, all members of the school community are welcome to attend.



## Spring & Summer Terms 2019

A variety of musical events will take place throughout the year, including the annual and much-loved PSA Musical Supper Evening in the Spring Term, featuring the PGS Jazz Band, Big Band and Saxophone Ensemble. In the Summer Term, there will be further performances and the possibility of a joint tour with the students of Parkstone Grammar School.

## Music Ensembles

Those students having music tuition at the school are encouraged to make a contribution to one or more Ensembles, as appropriate. However, students having tuition out of school are equally welcome to participate in PGS Music Ensembles.

**PGS Voices** - All singers welcome.

**Jazz Band** - Wind & Brass players, Grade 2 upwards.

**Junior Percussion Ensemble** - All percussionists / keyboard players welcome.

**Classical Guitar Ensemble** - All Classical Guitarists, ideally around Grade 1 upwards.

**StudioLive Club** - An informal club for those interested in Music Technology, Recording and Production. Space is very limited, so students must speak to Mr Beeby if they are interested in joining.

**Music Theory Club** - A free weekly lunchtime session in support of students studying Music Theory.

**GCSE Workshop** - A weekly lunchtime session devoted to the support of students taking GCSE Music

The other Ensembles we have at the moment are open to players by audition and invitation, taking account of the difficulty of the music played. If your son is around the required minimum standard, he can see me at any time to request an informal audition.

All boys are encouraged to participate fully in the musical life of the school, through membership of one or more of these Ensembles. Regular attendance is expected as a commitment – so that Music Department staff can help students achieve the highest standards.....

**Concert Orchestra** – String players, Grade 2/3 upwards.

**Big Band** - (Audition only) Trumpeters, Trombonists, Saxophonists, Grade 4/5 upwards.

**Concert Band** - (Audition only) Brass, Wind and Percussion players.

**Brass Ensemble** - (Audition only) Brass players, Grade 4 upwards.

**Saxophone Ensemble** - (Audition only) Saxophonists, Grade 4/5 upwards.

**Senior Percussion Ensemble** - (Audition only) Percussionists, Grade 5 upwards.

**Music Studio Bookings** - There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in informal music making in the Music Department; depending on Music Tuition in progress at any time, some of the Music Studios may be available to book at lunchtimes and after school.

Finally, something for Parents and Friends of Poole Grammar School, an opportunity for all singers;

**PSA Voices** - All adult singers, parents and friends, are invited to come and sing. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and commitment. Some long-standing members of the PSA Voices have sons who left the school some time ago! A great opportunity to become part of the Music community at Poole Grammar School.



## Instrumental Tuition

Tuition is offered to pupils on the following instruments:

**Piano, Keyboard, Organ**

**Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass**

**Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone**

**Trumpet, Cornet, Horn, Trombone, Tuba**

**Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar**

**Drum Kit, Orchestral Percussion**

**Voice**



Lessons are of 20 or 30 minutes' duration and given on an individual basis and there are 30 lessons per year. Music theory tuition is offered free as a lunchtime activity.

### Fees:

Fees, per lesson:        20 minutes' duration   £11  
                                     30 minutes' duration   £16.50

Lessons are normally delivered as follows:

Autumn Term - 12 lessons    Spring Term - 10 lessons    Summer Term - 8 lessons

Termly Fees are shown in detail on the last page: **Instrumental Tuition - Terms & Conditions 2018-19**

A small number of instruments may be available for hire from the school at a cost of £30 per term via ParentPay. Hire of these instruments is for a basic period of six months, after which parents are expected to provide an instrument for their son. I regret we cannot hire pianos, keyboards or drum-kits! Local music shops also operate rental schemes, thus enabling beginners to play without a substantial outlay in the initial stages. There is an assisted purchase scheme available for the purchase of the instruments within school, in addition to the "Take it away" scheme run by the Arts Council. Details of the school scheme will be available to new pupils in September. The website for "Take it Away" is at

**<http://www.takeitaway.org.uk>**

PLEASE ask expert advice, BEFORE buying any instrument. Our Music Tutors here are happy to offer advice on this, if you wish, when they meet your student for lessons.

If you would like your son to have musical instrument lessons, please complete the Music Information Form enclosed. **Please remember to read and sign the Instrumental Tuition - Terms and Conditions 2018-19, to indicate your agreement.**

Those students registered for Free School Meals are eligible for a reduction in music tuition fees through the Pupil Premium. Please ask the Finance Department for details via email: **Finance@poolegrammar.com**.

Once your son's music tuition arrangements have been confirmed, the school Finance Office will invoice you for payments to be made via ParentPay.

**Please return to the address below by Wednesday 20th June 2018 (New Parent Evening)**

**Mrs N. Gribbins, Music Administrator, Poole Grammar School, Gravel Hill, Poole, Dorset. BH17 9JU.**

## Music Information Form

Name of Pupil: ..... Form (if known): 7..... (2018 - 2019)

Current School: .....

Musical activities in which your son has taken part at his current school:

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Musical activities in which your son has taken part outside school:

.....

Please give details of any instruments being learned at present, such as the length of time your son has been learning and approximate grade (if applicable):

.....

My son would be interested in being involved in the following ensemble(s):

<i>No Auditions Required</i>	<i>Tick</i>	<i>Auditions Required</i>	<i>Tick</i>
<b>PGS Voices</b> <i>Tuesday Lunchtime</i>		<b>Big Band</b> <i>Monday after school</i>	
<b>Classical Guitar Ensemble</b> <i>Friday after school</i>		<b>Saxophone Ensemble</b> <i>Friday lunchtime</i>	
<b>Jazz Band</b> <i>Monday lunchtime</i>		<b>Concert Band</b> <i>Tuesday after school</i>	
<b>Junior Percussion Ensemble</b> <i>Wednesday lunchtime</i>		<b>Concert Orchestra</b> <i>Tuesday after school</i>	
<b>Music Theory</b> <i>Friday lunchtime</i>		<b>Brass Ensemble</b> <i>Friday breaktime</i>	
<b>Parents &amp; Staff Association Voices</b> <i>(Monday evenings, after October half term)</i>		<b>Senior Percussion Ensemble</b> <i>Wednesday after school</i>	
		<b>StudioLive</b> <i>Wednesday lunchtime</i>	

## Instrumental Tuition

**NB. Please read and sign the Terms and Conditions overleaf before completing this section.**

I would like to request Instrumental Tuition for my son on: *Please specify instrument(s) and duration.*

..... for 20 mins / 30 mins

My son will bring his own instrument / I would like to hire an instrument for my son for £30 per term. *(Please delete as appropriate. NOT applicable to Piano, Keyboard or Drums)*

Signed ..... Date .....

Print name .....

Contact details: Telephone .....

Email .....

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# Poole Grammar School

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Pupil Name ..... Form .....

1. There will be 30 lessons each year, with the option to take either 20 or 30 minute lessons, scheduled as follows:

12 x twenty minute lessons - £132	/	12 x thirty minute lessons - £198	(Autumn Term)
10 x twenty minute lessons - £110	/	10 x thirty minute lessons - £165	(Spring Term)
8 x twenty minute lessons - £88	/	8 x thirty minute lessons - £132	(Summer Term)

£30 per term - Instrument Hire (*please check availability – does not apply to Piano/Keyboard/Drums*)

**Payments must be made by the dates indicated on your invoice.** Your invoice will be issued during the Summer holidays and all payments are to be made via ParentPay.

- If payment is not received by the due date, the School reserves the right to cease lessons immediately, **however you are still held accountable and will need to pay for the lessons.** Upon receipt of payment and these signed terms and conditions, the School will contract a Visiting Music Tutor to fulfil your son's music lessons.
- Absences due to school trips and exams should be reported to the music tutor a week in advance for them to be rescheduled, **otherwise they will be forfeit and will not be made up.** If long term illness/medical condition occurs, then please discuss alternative arrangements with the Head of Music at your earliest convenience. **We will not make up lessons if you have chosen to take your son out of school for an unauthorised reason.**
- It is not the responsibility of the Music Tutor or the School to make up any lessons if students are absent for any reason. **This includes school exchanges, educational visits and exams** unless a weeks' notice has been provided so alternative arrangements can be made. **Absence due to illness will not be made up.**
- If lessons are missed due to a Tutor's absence, replacement lessons will be given at a later date or a refund to the value of the missed lesson(s) will be given at the end of the academic year.
- Lessons can only be terminated at the end of a term. **Written notice must be received by the beginning of the Half Term break if you intend to cease lessons for the following term.** This is to allow any necessary adjustments to be made to the employment schedules of our Visiting Music Tutors. **Failure to give the required notice will result in the next terms fees being payable, even if lessons are not taken.**

**To finish lessons from 21st December 2018, written notice must be given by Friday 19th October 2018.**  
**To finish lessons from 5th April 2019, written notice must be given by Friday 15th February 2019.**

The Head of Music may discontinue lessons if the attendance and/or effort of a pupil falls below an acceptable standard. Parents will be given adequate notice of this possibility.

- Music lessons are arranged by the Music Department on a **rota basis throughout the school day, which includes during academic classes.** A timetable is produced every half term and posted on the Music Department notice board in the Ashley Thorne Building, on the Music Department page of Moodle, as well as emailed to parents. Please note, timetables are subject to change but we will always provide at least a day's notice if this happens.
- The Music Department will provide a written report on progress once a year during the Summer Term.
- Pupils are expected to attend their lessons punctually and regularly. It is the pupil's responsibility to check the timetable (and double-check on the morning of the lesson) and attend their lesson on time. **Any problems with regard to lesson times must be reported to the Head of Music, no later than the day before the lesson.**
- Pupils are required to practise regularly, so that progress can be made and maintained. 20 minutes per day is recommended for a beginner, whilst a minimum of 30 minutes per day is advised for more advanced students to progress. Pupils are expected to make a reasonable contribution to school ensembles at the request of the Head of Music Department, attending rehearsals and performing in the appropriate concerts.

**D W Beeby, Head of Music Department**  
**BeebyD@poolegrammar.com**

I / We have read the above and agree to comply with these terms and conditions.

**By signing these terms and conditions you are agreeing to pay for 30 lessons for the year unless the required notice above is provided in writing.**

Parent/Guardian signature ..... Date .....

Print name .....