



Guilsborough Academy

Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust



Music Lessons
2025/26

Learning without limits



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Head of Performing Arts

Mr L Jackson

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Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT)

Mr R Baker—Brass

Mrs R Cliffe—Strings

Mr J Draper — Guitar

Mr M Hickman—Guitar

Ms S Mourant—Woodwind

Miss E Stevens - Voice

Miss F Laurie—Drums

Independent

Mrs J Milner - Piano

Guiltsborough Academy is striving for musical excellence

All students are encouraged and supported in whatever musical activity they participate in, whether that is in the classroom or during extra curricular activities. We seek to provide an exciting, challenging and enjoyable education.

Our aims include:

- Fostering creativity and encouraging the development of imagination and enquiring minds
- Enabling students to share an active involvement in different forms of musical activity
- Developing perceptive, sensitive and critical responses to music from a variety of cultures and societies
- Developing group ensemble skills
- Enabling students to share an active involvement in different forms of musical activity including composition, listening and appraising, performance, and the use of music technology.

Concerts and Events

We organise regular concerts and musical evenings throughout the year which provide valuable opportunities for students to perform for their parents and peers.

We also support local events with a number of students providing music for fetes as well as taking part in Musical Festivals.

In addition to this we also have visiting musicians who run work shops and special focus days.

Ensembles

The following groups are currently rehearsing:

Wind Band, String Orchestra, Rock Academy,
Choir, Festival Band

Instrumental and vocal tuition charging policy

From September 2025-2026

- All lessons taught by Tutors from NMPAT are charged at a rate of £98.50 for single (10-min) lessons or £196.50 for double (20-min lessons) per term
- Piano lessons, taught by an Independent Tutor, are charged at £89.50 for single (10-min) lessons or £178.50 for double (20-min lessons) per term.
- Each term is 11 weeks.
- Reduced fees are available for families who are currently eligible or have been entitled to Free School Meals in the past 6 years or are entitled to Pupil Premium.

Conditions of receiving lessons:

- Students are expected to attend at least one extra curricular musical activity during the week when they are at an appropriate standard
- Students are expected to practice regularly and attend their instrument lessons

Notice period

If a student wishes to cease their tuition a **full term's notice is required** and **must be given in writing** to Mrs Wilson via hwilson@guilbsborough.northants.sch.uk

- **Deadline Term 2: 1st October 2025**
- **Deadline Term 3: 1st February 2026**

Payment is required ahead of the start of each term, **Term 1 due by August 2025, Term 2 by December 2025 and Term 3 by April 2026.**

Scheme to purchase an instruments

This scheme enables parents to purchase instruments free from VAT. The purchase has to be made through Guilbsborough Academy. If you are interested, please contact us for further details.



When do the lessons take place?

Instrumental lessons take place during the school day and, where possible, are run on a rota system timetable, so that students do not miss the same part of the same lesson or break each week. Static time lessons can be requested and will be accommodated when at all possible.

Where do the lessons take place?

All lessons are given in the music department.

How will students know when their lesson is?

The timetables for each instrumental teacher are displayed on the noticeboard in the music department.

Is there anywhere students can store their instrument?

There is an instrumental storeroom within the department where students can leave their instruments.

What do students do if they miss their lesson?

Try to speak to their instrumental teacher to arrange another time in the day, or speak to one of the music teachers, or Mrs Wilson in reception.

Will I be informed of my child's progress?

Detailed written reports are provided during Summer Term., however if you wish to discuss your child's progress with your child's tutor prior to this, contact Mrs Wilson in reception who will put you in touch with them.

Is insurance needed?

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all instruments, including those on loan through the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust, are covered for loss or theft etc. under appropriate insurance.

How do I apply?

Please complete the online application form for your child.

Any questions?

Please email: info@guilbsborough.northants.sch.uk

FEES for 2025-26

Payment for lessons is required in advance of the start of each term and one term's notice is required when cancelling lessons. This is because, as a school, we are required to book the lesson time with the music teachers in advance.

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Term One

For students starting at Guilsborough in September 2025, booking form & payment is required by Wednesday 11 June 2025 via BACS. All subsequent payments will be made via ParentPay.

For student already at Guilsborough Academy, the booking form must be completed by Monday 16 June 2025 and payment is should be made no later than 31 August 2025 via ParentPay.

- **Term Two**

Will be invoiced via ParentPay in October 2025.

- **Term Three**

Will be invoiced via ParentPay in February 2026.

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- Deadline for Term 2: 1st October 2025
- Deadline for Term 3: 1st February 2026

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