

Music Lessons 2026-2027

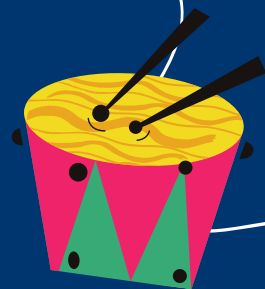


Guilsborough Academy

Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

Guilsborough Academy is striving for musical excellence

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to attend additional music tuition during the school day. Tuition is provided by range of specialist music tutors who come into school each week, with tuition for string, woodwind and brass instruments, drums, guitar and singing all taught by staff from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). Piano/keyboard tuition is provided by an independent tutor, Mrs Milner.



Our aims include:

- Fostering creativity and encouraging the development of imagination and enquiring minds
- Enabling students to actively engage in a variety of musical activities
- Developing perceptive, sensitive and critical responses to music from a range of cultures and societies
- Developing group ensemble skills
- Enabling students to participate in a wide range of musical activities, including composition, listening and appraising, performance, and the use of music technology

Fees for 2026-27

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.

All lessons taught by tutors from NMPAT (all except piano) are charged at a rate of £103 for single (10-min) lessons or £205.50 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.

Term one

For students starting at Guilsborough in September 2026, booking form & payment is required by Wednesday 3rd June 2026 via BACS. All subsequent payments will be made via ParentPay.

For students already at Guilsborough Academy, the booking form must be completed by Monday 8 June 2026 and payment is should be made no later than 31 August 2026 via ParentPay.

Term Two

Will be invoiced via ParentPay in October 2026.

Term Three

Will be invoiced via ParentPay in February 2027.

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.

- **Deadline for Term 2: 1st October 2026**
- **Deadline for Term 3: 15th January 2027**

If you require further information email: info@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk

Instrumental and vocal tuition charging policy

Reduced fees are available for families who are currently eligible or have been entitled to free school meals in the past six years or are entitled to Pupil Premium.

Scheme to purchase instruments

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

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 music 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



When do the lessons take place?

Instrument 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 tutor are displayed on the noticeboard in the music department.

Is there anywhere students can store their instrument?

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

What do students do if they miss their lesson?

Try to speak to their instrument teacher to arrange another time in the day, or speak to one of the music teachers, or Mrs Wilson or Mrs Clark 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 their teacher prior to this, contact Mrs Wilson or Mrs Clark 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@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk



Music Department

Head of Performing Arts

Mr L Jackson

Administrator

Mrs H Wilson / Mrs Clark

Lead Teacher of Music

Mr R Charlton

We are very fortunate to have dedicated NMPAT staff who specialise in different musical instruments, alongside an independent piano teacher who visits our school. Their expertise and commitment provide fantastic opportunities for our students to develop and enjoy their musical talents.

Mrs J Milner - Independent Piano Teacher

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT)

Mr R Baker - Brass

Ms K Lindop - Woodwind

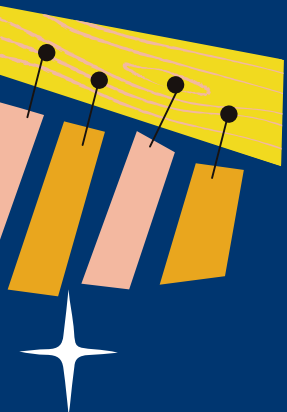
Mrs R Cliffe - Strings

Mrs E Thorneycroft - Voice

Mr J Draper - Guitar

Mr H Wakley - Drums

Mr M Hickman - Guitar





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