

Learn an Instrument Free* at St Aidan's



Would your child like to take up a new instrument for the very first time? Perhaps they've always wanted to pick up a bassoon or they've been inspired to join one of the many bands and ensembles here at St Aidan's?

Last year the St Aidan's Music Association, a group of volunteer parents, launched a scheme called Start The Music, which provides approximately 6 students with the opportunity to learn a new instrument for a full year, completely free of charge. Our aim is to encourage more students to benefit from playing music.

Start the Music offers:

- ✓ Free individual 20 minute lessons, every week for a full year
- ✓ Tuition by a fully qualified music teacher, during school time
- ✓ Free instrument on loan for the duration of the scheme
- ✓ Free mentoring advice by students in the senior school
- ✓ Ability to join an ensemble at school, dependent on progress!



How does Start the Music Work?

Start the Music is a scheme that students in years 7 to 10 at St Aidan's must apply for. Application forms are available from Jan/Feb each year. There are two categories:

1. For those wanting to learn a first instrument, who have no previous music experience
2. For those wanting to learn a second instrument, from a specified list. [NB. Candidates in this category must have achieved at least grade 5 on another instrument]

For more information on Start the Music please visit the music section of the school website or the music noticeboard.

Interested in making a donation?

It costs £450 to put one student through a full year of lessons with Start the Music. If you, your family members or your business would like to sponsor a place, please do contact Liz Hawkes, Chair of STM by email liz@magnorth.co.uk. We are also very keen to receive any pre-loved instruments that are in good order that we can loan to students.

* Start the Music is a free scheme for one year, for students who successfully secure a place, following a written application process.