



## Urmston Grammar School

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Friday 19 June 2026

Dear Parents,

### **UGS PERFORMING ARTS: INSTRUMENT MUSIC LESSONS 2026-27**

We will be in touch in due course to inform you of our range of Performing Arts plans for the new academic year, in the meantime, we are delighted to be able to provide information regarding instrumental tuition for your child in school. Tuition takes place during school hours using a rota system, to avoid students missing part of the same lesson each week. Students in the upper school have prioritised slots at break times and lunchtimes. Students in sixth form take lessons in their free periods.

Lessons are available to all students irrespective of their previous experience. We also have an enriching extra-curricular programme so that students can develop their instrumental skills. If students have instrumental lessons, it is expected that they take part in at least one extra-curricular ensemble.

### **INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR TUITION**

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| <b>Mr Joiner</b>        | <b>PIANO / ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD</b>                  |
| <b>Mr Jones</b>         | <b>VOICE (BOYS AND GIRLS)</b>                       |
| <b>Mr Burton</b>        | <b>SAXOPHONE / CLARINET / FLUTE / OBOE / PIANO</b>  |
| <b>Mr S Smith</b>       | <b>DRUM KIT</b>                                     |
| <b>Mr Keigher</b>       | <b>GUITAR (ELECTRIC AND ACOUSTIC) / BASS GUITAR</b> |
| <b>Ms. Imogen Lyons</b> | <b>STRINGS</b>                                      |

**N.B. Brass instrumental tuition may become available if demand is high enough – please express interest by emailing Mrs Glen ([hglen@urmstongrammar.org.uk](mailto:hglen@urmstongrammar.org.uk))**

The peripatetic staff are self-employed, so feedback and payment are arranged privately between parents and tutors. However, if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, the school will pay the peripatetic invoices. The school does not generally provide instruments, but advice is always available about the most competitive purchase or rental schemes.

If your child is interested in this opportunity as a beginner or would like to continue with tuition which began at Primary school or privately, please complete the online form on the Performing Arts Mailout. NEW YEAR 7 PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM NEED NOT REPEAT THIS.

A form must please be completed for each instrument separately and the terms and conditions (see below) must be agreed to on the form. Tuition is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and there are occasionally waiting lists for some instruments. Lessons will usually commence by mid-September and you will be contacted directly by the peripatetic tutor.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me ([hglen@urmstongrammar.org.uk](mailto:hglen@urmstongrammar.org.uk))

or Mr. Harrison (Lead Teacher of Music: [aharrison@urmstongrammar.org.uk](mailto:aharrison@urmstongrammar.org.uk)) directly.

Kind Regards

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Head of Performing Arts

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### **Terms and Conditions for Peripatetic music lessons at Urmston Grammar School 2026-27**

- Tuition costs from September 2026 will be based on an hourly rate of **£42.00**. Most lessons are arranged for 20 minutes meaning a cost of **£14.00 per week**.
- An invoice for lessons will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Payment is made directly to the instrumental tutor.
- Fees for missed lessons are not refunded unless absence is due to student illness. This should be reported to the tutor at the beginning of the day affected. The tutor should be advised about school trips and other appointments that are known in advance so that the weekly timetable can be changed. In these cases, the lesson fee will be credited.
- **Tutors and Mrs Glen require at least 4 weeks' notice if lessons are to be terminated.**
- **Lessons will automatically continue during exam periods and study leave periods, as well as in the subsequent school year. Notice must be given in ANY circumstance when lessons are to stop.**
- Instruments remain the responsibility of the student and they must be kept in the allocated storage room in the music department or kept on the student's person. It is advisable that any musical instrument is covered by personal insurance. **Instrument cases must be clearly named.**
- Students who have lessons at school are expected to take part in organised music groups such as a choir and or band, as well as other small ensembles that may be arranged by instrumental tutors. This may involve performing in public concerts both in and out of school from time to time.