

BISH STUDIO

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does a lesson last? Each instrumental lesson lasts for 30 minutes. During that time the teacher will work on instrumental/vocal technique, pieces, ensemble parts, scales, aural skills, and sight-reading. The lesson will be an engaging and collaborative environment with the goal to enable the student to engage with music deeply, to improve their musicianship and most of all enjoy their participation.

When will the lessons take place? / Will my child have to leave a class lesson? Students will have lessons on the same day each week but the lesson time will vary every time. Students will come out of a regular class lessons to receive their instrumental/vocal lesson however, great care is taken to ensure that students do not miss any class subject lesson too regularly and for that reason each teacher's timetable is designed on rotating basis. Effort is also made to ensure younger students do not miss their schedule class break times.

How much do lessons cost? The cost of the lessons is \$40 per 30 - minute lesson. Payment for a CCA block is due before the lessons commence and can be done online via PayPal or CHQ.

How many lessons will my child receive? Students will receive a varying number of lessons, following the length of the CCA block.

- 1: 4th September 2018 - October 12th, 2018.
- 2: 22nd October - December 14th, 2018.
- 3: 7th January - February 15th, 2019.
- 4: 25th February - 11th April 2019.
- 5: 29th April – 14th June 2019.

What if my child misses a lesson? If your child is unable to attend a lesson for any reason the parent should inform the teacher directly via email or phone BEFORE the day of the lesson. The teacher will, in this case, reschedule the lesson for another time during the block.

Any missed lesson due to teacher absence will be rescheduled at a different date. Teachers will give as much advanced notice of any absence as possible.

It is the parents' responsibility to inform the teacher of any missed lessons due to class/year group trips or events as it is not expected that the visiting teacher will know the entire school events schedule for the year.

If the student does not attend the lesson without informing the teacher, the lesson will be lost and teacher will be paid for their time.

If the student is sick on the morning of the lesson and a parent informs the teacher promptly then the decision to reschedule the lesson, or not, will be made at the discretion of the teacher.

It is important to note that all of our teachers have extremely busy careers. They often are required to manage teaching in other schools with busy professional performance careers and other activities that fill their schedule. If they are learn of student absence in advance they are able to make adjustments to their timetable ahead of time often giving them valuable time back for their schedules.

Can when can my child begin lessons? Enrollment is at the start of each new CCA block. If there is a high demand for a particular instrument, priority will be given those students who are continuing lessons with that teacher. There will be a waitlist for when spaces become available.

What if I wish for my child to stop lessons? We understand that the instrumental / vocal lessons are not a perfect fit for everyone and we also understand if students wish to stop receiving lessons. We request that a notice period of 2 lessons minimum be given to cease lessons. Students will be automatically be rolled over to the next CCA block

Do I need to purchase an instrument or does the school provide one? In some cases, the school can temporarily provide an instrument for the first few lessons. If the student wishes to continue lessons past the first term parents will need to purchase or hire an instrument for their child.

How do I apply to begin lessons? Registration is done through CHQ and is confirmation of accepting the terms of lesson agreement which can be found here: www.myhq.net/bishouston under BISH Studio (Music Lessons).

Registration is required for new and existing students.

Please note where that there is more than one instrumental teacher, it is only necessary to sign up for one lesson as days and times will be allocated once the registration has closed.

Confirmation of lessons will be on Friday August 31st after which, the instrumental teacher will contact you directly to inform you of the timetable.

Please email Mrs Wolfe (Head of Performing Arts) if you have any questions.