



## MUSIC LESSONS

The Academy students have the opportunity to learn a great variety of musical instruments in the Academy. All pupils receive tuition during their lessons on keyboards and steel pans, as well as having the opportunity to sing as a class. This is a very exciting opportunity for your child and there will be the chance to take part in school concerts, instrumental groups, local musical events, and music festivals.

We are able to offer tuition on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, guitar, bass guitar, violin, piano and keyboard. In order to make the most of these opportunities, students are withdrawn from lessons on a rota basis in order to avoid missing the same lesson each week.

We have some excellent, well-qualified teachers, who teach in an informal and friendly way. Lessons are charged at very competitive rates. Some instruments may be borrowed from school. However for the most popular it may be necessary to buy or hire one. Discounts may be available to purchase instruments through the Academy. Academy instruments are loaned on a 'first come first served' basis.

The Music Area consists of a main teaching room and three practice rooms. The teaching room is equipped with an interactive whiteboard, 10 networked computers, 14 Yamaha keyboards and houses the steel pans. The practice rooms can be booked at lunchtimes by pupils wishing to practice.

While still being part of the compulsory curriculum for Key Stage 3, most importantly, music lessons are meant to be fun.

The St Lawrence Academy Music Department has a team of highly qualified instrumental staff who are able to offer tuition on the flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano, keyboard, singing, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, violin and cello.

In order to attend tuition sessions, students will be withdrawn from lessons on a rota basis in order to avoid missing the same lesson each week. Lessons at the academy are 'free' to pupils who show an interest and commitment in learning to playing an instrument.

Some instruments may be loaned from the academy at no additional charge. However, for the most popular instruments, it may be necessary to buy or hire one. Discounts may be available to purchase instruments through the academy. Academy instruments will be loaned on a 'first come, first served' basis. There will, however, be some cost involved for the purchasing of music and ancillary items such as replacement strings, reeds and drumsticks.

Instruments are loaned on the understanding that you are responsible for their care and safety. No repairs should be undertaken by the borrower. Any fault should be reported at the next lesson or immediately to me. Where an instrument is lost or damaged, the cost of the replacement or professional repair will be borne by the borrower. The academy does not insure instruments so you may consider it wise to include it on your home insurance policy.

Learning an instrument will give the students the chance to take part in extra curricular clubs, school concerts, instrumental groups, local music events and music festivals.

If your child is interested in having Instrumental tuition, please make enquiries with the Music teacher in the Music Department.