



# Alexandra College Music School



## Information Sheet

Lessons take place during the school day.

It is the responsibility of the student to check the time of their lesson (which is displayed on the notice board at the entrance to the music block), and to ensure that they catch up on whatever work they missed during that lesson. Every effort is made to ensure that the music lessons are rotated so as to avoid missing the same subject more than once per half term.

Students in years 5 and 6 must organise their lessons during one of their non-class periods and should therefore not miss any timetabled classes.

- Each student will receive 27 lessons in the school year.
- Unfortunately, it is not possible to make up classes missed due to student illness, sport, non appearance or school trips. However, every attempt will be made by the music staff to facilitate students who give ample notice of unavoidable absence.
- Lessons will not be timetabled outside school hours except in very exceptional circumstances.
- Students of orchestral instruments, and solo singers, who learn in school, will be expected to take part in the school orchestras, choirs and other music activities when requested.
- Students must enrol for a full academic year.
- Regular practice of at least half an hour five days a week is expected as it is essential to progress. Boarding students will be allocated a practice time of 30 minutes, five evenings a week.
- Students are prepared for music exams at the discretion of the teacher.
- Music teachers are always prepared to discuss the progress of individual students with parents by prior arrangement only or at the annual Music Department Parent – Teacher meeting.
- Students should not enrol for more than two musical options.
- Students will be expected to buy their own music when requested to do so.
- Poor attendance without a reasonable excuse or explanation, and a lack of progress due to lack of practice can result in termination of lessons.
- Parents and Guardians will be notified in writing if any accompanying fees will be incurred.

# MUSIC OPTIONS FORM

2017-2018

Individual, shared and ensemble tuition in various instruments are available to your daughter(s) as follows please tick appropriate box:

*Violin	Viola	*Cello	*Double Bass	*Guitar	*Harp	*Ukulele Ensemble	Rockjam Ensemble

Saxophone	Clarinet	Flute	Recorder	Percussion	Piano	Voice Solo	Voice Shared

\* Indicates instruments that are available for student use at the College.

Arrangements may be made to share lessons if this is possible – please note that this also depends on student age and technical level.

The current fees are €1200 for solo instruments/ voice and €600 for a shared class.

**We are delighted to offer 2 music-making opportunities for our students in the form of group ensemble classes:**

## **ROCKJAM**

**A new and existing ensemble performance group has been designed to compliment the students regular music lessons and a chance for them to express what they are learning in their lessons and perform as a group/band:**

- Students are placed in small ensemble performance groups/band (5 students)
- All instruments/voice welcome
- Learn/arrange and rehearse Pop/Rock songs and original songs also welcome
- Perform the songs as a band at 2 gigs in Dublin
- Videos of performance will be seen on Alex Press

## **UKULELE**

**An ideal instrument to begin with is now on offer:**

- Students are placed in small ensemble groups (5 students)
- Tuition – all levels
- Ukulele is a super instrument to begin with
- It's relatively easy, very cheap to purchase and small enough to carry
- Immensely popular as an instrument and students are increasingly
- Presenting the Ukulele as performance in their Junior Cert Music Practical
- It's the ideal pre-cursor to guitar also
- 27 x 40 min classes
- Fee €300 year

---

If you have any queries please contact Liz Foster Head of Music at [lizfoster@alexandracollege.ie](mailto:lizfoster@alexandracollege.ie). Many thanks.

Name of Student/ Year	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date