

Dover Campus Instrumental Teaching Programme

2017/2018 academic year

Students are given the opportunity to learn a wide range of instruments within the Music Department’s Instrumental Teaching Programme (ITP).

The College has brought together some of Singapore’s finest musicians to provide a comprehensive scheme of instrumental teaching.

We presently have eight full-time instrumental specialists and 40 visiting instructors teaching woodwind, brass, strings, piano, percussion and voice.



Instrumental options

Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • violin • viola • cello • piano • recorder • ukelele
Grade 3	<p>As for Grade 2, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarineo—the ideal instrument to allow transition between the recorder and clarinet • nuvo flute—the ideal instrument to allow transition between the recorder and flute • trumpet/cornet • tenor horn • baritone • trombone • euphonium • tuba <p>In Term 3, students are offered a series of lessons on a ‘trial’ basis in order to introduce the available instrument choices in Grade 4. Information is distributed to all Grade 3 students towards the end of the year.</p>
Grade 4	<p>As for Grade 3, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voice • flute • oboe • clarinet • double bass
Grades 5–12	<p>As for Grade 4, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • saxophone • bassoon • French horn • percussion • guitar—electric, acoustic, classical, bass; please specify on registration form* • jazz piano (advanced students only)

Asian instruments: please contact the ITP coordinator and, where possible, lessons will be arranged with qualified and experienced local musicians.

Theory: please contact the ITP coordinator for information about music theory lessons.

Piano

There are limited places for piano. Registrations are processed in the order of their receipt at the College.

It is essential that students taking piano lessons have a piano at home for practice.

Piano and percussion are not taught in pairs or groups.

Fee schedule

The cost per half hour lesson is:

\$45 Individual lesson

\$25 Lesson in pairs

Please note that piano and percussion are not taught in pairs.

Instruments and hire

The College offers certain instruments for hire (pianos, percussion instruments and guitars are not available).

The instrument hire fee is \$100 per term. All instruments must be returned at the end of the academic year. Students may keep their instruments over the other holidays for practice.

We request parents of students who hire College instruments to consult with the instrumental teacher about purchasing an instrument after one year of tuition.

Privately owned instruments should be covered on the owner's insurance. UWCSEA cannot be held liable for any damage, loss or theft occurring on campus.

Lesson timetables

Students in Grades 2 and 3 are taught during the academic day and

lessons are fixed in arrangement with the class teacher and instrumental teacher.

Students in Grades 4 to 8 may be placed on a rotating timetable during the academic day. As students are rotated over different lessons each week, the effect on academic work is minimal.

Other lessons are at lunchtime or after school.

Termination of lessons

Termination of lessons can only take effect at the end of each term. Written notification from the parent must be sent to both the instrumental teacher and the ITP coordinator.

Lesson attendance—important

If absence from a lesson is unavoidable, students must give 24 hours notice to the instrumental teacher directly. Genuine illness (when the student is off school), dress rehearsals or curricular school trips are legitimate reasons for non-attendance, however a minimum of 24 hours must be given to the teacher. Teachers are not obliged to refund the cost of the missed lesson, but will endeavour to offer an alternative time for a make-up lesson, or a lesson may be credited on the next term's bill.

Excessive homework, social trips and medical appointments (except in case of an emergency) are not legitimate reasons for missing lessons, and on these occasions, no make-up lesson will be offered.

Make-up lessons are not possible for

paired lessons.

A lesson cancelled by the teacher will always be made up or credited.

Students on suspended timetable for internal exams must arrange to reschedule their lessons. Grade 10 IGCSE and Grade 12 students must inform their teacher if they wish to continue lessons in Term 3.

Practice routines

All students are required to keep a practice diary, which is used by the instrumental teacher each lesson. Parents are requested to sign the diary regularly to ensure they are well informed about their child's progress.

Students are expected to practise at least five days per week.

Examinations

Many instrumental teachers encourage students to enter for Trinity examinations. At present, there are two examining sessions, in June and December.

Ensembles

Students are expected to become involved in College ensembles as soon as possible. This not only improves musical skills, but also involves the student socially and gives them added motivation. Opportunities are available from Junior School onwards.

Registration

Registration is done online through the parent portal logged in via the College website, under Learning links: <https://www.uwcsea.edu.sg/portal/learning/instrumental-teaching-programme>.

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