

East Campus Instrumental Teaching Programme

Students in Grades 2 to 12 have 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.

Lessons on the following instruments are available each term. Students sign up for lessons on a termly basis. Please note that ITP is not part of the Activities Programme.



Instrumental options

Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • violin • viola • cello 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guitar – classical acoustic • nuvo flute—the ideal instrument to transition to flute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • percussion/drum kit • piano • tabla
Grade 3	As for Grade 2, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • baritone • clarineo—the ideal instrument to transition to clarinet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cornet • tenor horn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trombone • trumpet
Grade 4	As for Grade 3, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarinet • double bass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flute • guitar—electric/bass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oboe • saxophone
Grades 5	As for Grade 4, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bass clarinet • bassoon • Chinese Guzheng 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • euphonium • french horn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tenor saxophone • tuba
Grades 6–12	As for all previous grade levels plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jazz piano • mbira • voice 		

Lessons for Music Theory are available. Please contact the ITP Coordinator to make arrangements.

Lesson schedules

Lessons happen at many different times of the day. We try to be as flexible as possible, but have a number of guidelines and criteria that inform our policy and practice. Typically lessons are scheduled as follows:

Grade 2–3

- at lunchtime
- during class time, at a fixed time each week, in consultation with the class teacher

Grade 4–8

- at lunch time
- after school
- during class time on a rotational basis

Grade 9–12

- at lunch time
- in a non-contact period
- after school

Please try to avoid a clash between an ITP lesson and an activity. We realise this may be difficult in Season 1. Please update the Activities Office if there is a relevant change.

Arrangements must be made for the supervision of Primary School students between the hours of 3–4.30pm, which is available in the Primary Library.

Practice routines

Students are required to keep a Practice Diary, which is used by the instrumental teacher each lesson. Students are expected to practise regularly and to keep a record of their daily practice times. Parents are also requested to sign the book regularly to ensure they are well informed about their child's progress.

Instrument provision

Please note that students learning piano, percussion, drums or double bass can use school instruments for their ITP lesson.

If you have applied for lessons on a brass, string or woodwind instrument, you can purchase through our recommended vendors: Accent Music, Swee Lee Music, Maestro Guitars, Music Essentials and Synwin, or ask in the Music office regarding vendors.

Students taking lessons on other instruments must either rent or purchase an instrument. Privately owned instruments should be covered by the owner's insurance. UWCSEA East will not be held liable for any damage, loss or theft that may occur on campus.

Instrumental hire

The Music Department has a limited number of instruments for hire on a termly basis.

Instruments will be allocated to students taking ITP lessons on a first-come, first-served basis. Please consult your ITP teacher if you require an instrument for hire.

Please note the following hire details:

- **hire cost** – \$5 + GST per week for violin or viola; \$8 + GST per week for all other instruments
- **billing** – students are charged on a per term basis
- **Terms and Conditions** – completed Terms and Conditions are to be handed to the Music office upon collection of the hire instrument

Instrumental/voice examinations

The Music Department is a centre for Trinity Classical and Trinity Rock and Pop examinations with examining sessions held in June and December. Please consult your ITP teacher for details.

Ensembles and performance opportunities

All ITP students are strongly recommended to participate in both Music Activities and Service. Information is available on the **ITP site** and the **College portal** via www.uwcsea.edu.sg.

The Music Department runs lunchtime and after school ensembles which culminate in concerts, recitals and other performances during the year. These provide ITP students the opportunity to perform together, develop essential skills, and consolidate learning.

Fee schedule

The cost per 30-minute lesson is:

- individual \$45
- paired \$25
- group lesson (3–4 students) \$18

Advanced students (higher exam grades and IBDP) may opt for one one-hour or two half-hour lessons (per week) at \$90.

There is a yearly \$10 administrative fee for all ITP students, to be paid before lessons commence, as well as a contract to be signed and returned to the Music office.

Invoices are issued directly by the instrumental teacher each term.

Please note that piano is only taught on an individual basis.

Lesson attendance

If a lesson will be missed, 24-hour notice must be given to the instrumental teacher. A message left with, or emailed to the College is not sufficient. With 24-hour notice given, the teacher will try to make up the lesson. If no make up is possible, the lesson may be credited to the next term's bill.

If absence is unavoidable, the teacher will try to schedule a make-up lesson if one is available. Genuine illness (when the student is not in school), dress rehearsals or curricular school trips are legitimate reasons for non-attendance—however, a minimum of 24 hours notice must be given to the teacher. Students missing lessons for social purposes, homework, rescheduled quizzes or appointments are not eligible for a make-up lesson.

Make-up lessons are not possible for paired and group lessons.

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

A lesson cancelled by a teacher will always be made up or credited to next term's bill. Please remember that the instrumental teacher depends on this income for their livelihood.

Termination of lessons

Termination of lessons can only take effect at the end of each term. Notification must be emailed by the parent to both the instrumental teacher and the ITP Coordinator at least one month before the end of term.

Registration of lessons and further information

Visit www.uwcsea.edu.sg/itp-east

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