Michael Hall
WALDORF SCHOOL

Instrumental Tuition at Michael Hall

Music holds a central position in the day-to-day life of pupils at Michael Hall. In the Lower School singing and flutes/recorders are integral parts of the daily rhythm of Main Lesson; enriching the subject matter; marking the seasons; and developing the social fabric of the classes through the joy of singing/playing together. As our pupils move through the Lower School, they start to have weekly singing and recorder lessons, and in the Middle School they begin music theory/history lessons. In addition to this, many pupils choose to take up an instrument on a one-to-one basis during school time.
Below are the details of the instruments currently offered in school and the details of how lessons are organised. Due to constraints on teaching space, we are not able to offer the full spectrum of instruments and have selected the instruments below based on demand. For your information, both East and West Sussex Music currently offer tuition on a wide range of instruments and there are a number of established instrumental teachers in the locality.

Getting started
All instrumental lessons at Michael Hall are administered by the school's Instrumental Tuition Coordinator, Rachel Masters. Lessons are offered once a week on rotation during term time by a team of dedicated, specialist Visiting Instrumental Teachers. All lessons are 40 minutes long. For pupils taking music exams, instrumental teachers include aural training during lessons up to Grade 5 standard. Regular updates are provided by each Visting Music Teacher.

Instrument	Class available from	Teacher	Fee for 40 min lesson
Cello (Double Bass)	Class 3 (4) and up	Rachel Masters	£30
Violin/Viola	Class 3 and up	Nicoline Kraamwinkel	£30
Flute	Class 4 and up	Anna Thomas	£30
Clarinet	Class 4 and up	Emily Finnemore	£30
Piano	Class 4 and up	Simon Casciano	£30
Brass*	Class 4 and up	Richard Cross	£30
Group lessons	Class 3 Strings		£39 in total

*Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium

Group lessons
Group lessons are available for Class 3 beginners (maximum 3 pupils); however, this will entirely depend upon demand. It is important to add that group lessons can be a good way of getting started, but that differences in learning needs often result in pupils progressing at different speeds and therefore needing individual lessons. Group lessons will be provided for a maximum of 1 year only though the viability of each group will be continually reviewed.