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## Music Department Private Instrumental Lessons 2026-2027

Individual lessons are available on the following instruments:

- Piano
- Drums
- Voice
- Violin
- Cello
- Double bass
- Viola
- Recorder
- Flute
- Guitar
- Saxophone
- Clarinet
- Bass guitar
- Ukulele

## Instrumental Teachers 2026-2027

Here is the list of all the private instrumental teachers and the days they are teaching this academic year. Full bios for all our music teachers are on the college website under the "meet the teachers" tab <https://www.sac.ie/page/?title=Meet+the+Teachers&pid=500>

**During the year if a student is going to be absent, could you please send a brief email to the teacher.**

### Piano lessons

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| Catriona McElhinney-Grimes | Tues, Wed & Thurs | <a href="mailto:cgrimes@st-andrews.ie">cgrimes@st-andrews.ie</a>     |
| Greg Lloyd                 | Mon, Tues & Thurs | <a href="mailto:glloyd@st-andrews.ie">glloyd@st-andrews.ie</a>       |
| Anna Siampani              | Tues & Thurs      | <a href="mailto:asiampani@st-andrews.ie">asiampani@st-andrews.ie</a> |
| Dean Kelly                 | Mon               | <a href="mailto:deankelly@st-andrews.ie">deankelly@st-andrews.ie</a> |

### Voice lessons

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| Catrina Scullion | Thurs                  | <a href="mailto:cscullion@st-andrews.ie">cscullion@st-andrews.ie</a> |
| Chris Holland    | Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs | <a href="mailto:cholland@st-andrews.ie">cholland@st-andrews.ie</a>   |
| Niamh Kelly      | Mon, Tues & Thurs      | <a href="mailto:nkelly@st-andrews.ie">nkelly@st-andrews.ie</a>       |

### Drum lessons

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| Hugh O'Byrne | Wed | <a href="mailto:hobyrne@st-andrews.ie">hobyrne@st-andrews.ie</a> |
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### Guitar & Ukulele lessons

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| Michael Behan | Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs | <a href="mailto:mbehan@st-andrews.ie">mbehan@st-andrews.ie</a> |
| Sid Edge      | Thurs                  | <a href="mailto:sedge@st-andrews.ie">sedge@st-andrews.ie</a>   |

### Violin lessons

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| Abbie McDonagh | Thurs | <a href="mailto:amcdonagh@st-andrews.ie">amcdonagh@st-andrews.ie</a> |
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### Cello lessons

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| Megan Sherwood | Tues & Wed | <a href="mailto:msherwood@st-andrews.ie">msherwood@st-andrews.ie</a> |
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#### Flute/Sax/Clarinet/Recorder lessons

Patricia Carroll

Mon

[pcarroll@st-andrews.ie](mailto:pcarroll@st-andrews.ie)

#### Double Bass/Bass Guitar lessons

Andrew Csibi

Tues & Wed

[acsibi@st-andrews.ie](mailto:acsibi@st-andrews.ie)

Please contact: [musiclessons@st-andrews.ie](mailto:musiclessons@st-andrews.ie) for any queries. Private music lessons take place after school in the music department in the 90s area from 4-9pm and from 1:20pm on Wednesdays.

Students are not permitted to leave class for lessons in St. Andrew's College. However, if a student has a free period during the day (ie. you do not take Irish or you are a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year student only taking 7 subjects), we can often facilitate lessons at this time or at lunchtime if a student wishes. Please contact [musiclessons@st-andrews.ie](mailto:musiclessons@st-andrews.ie) immediately after payment to organise this.

In the unlikely event that we cannot timetable a class that suits you, any monies paid will be refunded immediately.

### How to book:

To ensure the sign up is fair and gives all students who are learning an instrument an equal opportunity, please note the following :

#### Payment:

This is through [Payzone](#) accessed through the college website.

1. Payment must be made in advance of timetabling. You will not receive the link to book your time and day for your lesson until payment has been received.
2. [Payzone](#) opens on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 at 9am and closes Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8am SHARP.**
3. You may pay for multiple instruments for multiple students at the same time.
4. Please **do not** pay through the Junior School as it is a separate booking system, and we cannot see the payment.
5. If you are new to the school, it would be a good idea to set up on Payzone before the opening date time and date above.

#### Timetable Scheduling:

We are using "SignUp.com" for lesson bookings this year.

1. Once you have paid, you will receive a link to select the teacher and time slot on a first come first served basis.
2. Please make sure you have reviewed the extracurricular sports timetables before opening the link. The students will all receive these at their induction days and they are also available on the website.
3. **On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8am,** the link for **piano, drums, violin, flute, clarinet, sax & recorder** will be sent to all people who have paid for these. Click on this link to book your lesson.
4. **On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8am,** the link for **guitar, voice, cello, double bass & bass guitar** will be sent.

# Diary and Fees 2026-2027

There are 30 music lessons in the school year and these can be paid in 2 instalments.

TY students are on work experience for 4 weeks in Term 2. These classes will be made up or refunded if this is not possible.

There are **no classes** on greyed out dates as the school is closed.

| Installment 1 | 30 mins | 45 mins | 60 mins |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| August        | €420    | €630    | €840    |

| Installment 2 | 30 mins | 45 mins | 60 mins |
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| January       | €480    | €720    | €960    |

| Monday Classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Tuesday Classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wednesday Classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday Classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Term 1</b> (14 classes)<br>Sept – 7, 14, 21, 28<br>Oct – 5, 12, 19, 26<br>Nov – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30<br>Dec – 7, 14, 21, 28<br><br><b>Term 2</b> (16 classes)<br>Jan – 4, 11, 18, 25<br>Feb – 1, 8, 15, 22<br>Mar – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29<br>April – 5, 12, 19, 26<br>May – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | <b>Term 1</b> (14 classes)<br>Sept – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29<br>Oct – 6, 13, 20, 27<br>Nov – 3, 10, 17, 24<br>Dec – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29<br><br><b>Term 2</b> (16 classes)<br>Jan – 5, 12, 19, 26<br>Feb – 2, 9, 16, 23<br>Mar – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30<br>April – 6, 13, 20, 27<br>May – 4, 11, 18, 25, | <b>Term 1</b> (14 classes)<br>Sept – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30<br>Oct – 7, 14, 21, 28<br>Nov – 4, 11, 18, 25<br>Dec – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30<br><br><b>Term 2</b> (16 classes)<br>Jan – 6, 13, 20, 27<br>Feb – 3, 10, 17, 24<br>Mar – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31<br>April – 7, 14, 21, 28<br>May – 5, 12, 19, 26 | <b>Term 1</b> (14 classes)<br>Sept – 3, 10, 17, 24<br>Oct – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29<br>Nov – 5, 12, 19, 26<br>Dec – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31<br><br><b>Term 2</b> (16 classes)<br>Jan – 7, 14, 21, 28<br>Feb – 4, 11, 18, 25<br>Mar – 4, 11, 18, 25<br>April – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29<br>May – 6, 13, 20, 27 |

## Fees/Terms

Lessons cost €30 per half hour class. There are 30 lessons throughout the school year. These are paid in 2 instalments. Fees must be paid at the beginning of each term; in August for the first instalment and at the beginning of January for the second instalment. No classes will take place without payment.

## Absences/Lessons missed

Lessons missed by the teacher will be re-scheduled. Lessons missed by pupils cannot be refunded. If reasonable notice is given, teachers may, at their discretion, reschedule lessons. However, they are not obliged to do so.

## Attendance

Pupils are expected to attend lessons for the duration of the academic year (30 lessons). Please advise us 2 months before term 2 starts if the student cannot continue. Regular attendance is obligatory. Pupils unable to attend a lesson should inform their teachers (emails are above) prior to the lesson. Classes take place on a weekly basis. There will be no music classes during school holidays or on days where the college is closed.

## Practice

Regular practice is essential to ensure progress, development and enjoyment. Parents are asked to ensure that pupils wholly understand this and are prepared to devote time and effort to regular practice.

## Exams

Exams are optional and parents will be required to enter their own child for an examination in consultation with their music teacher. Where an accompanist is required, sufficient rehearsal time will be obligatory before the exam.