



Finham Park Instrument lesson information

Lesson charges

11 Lessons 15 minutes a week. £110 term. £320 year. Can be paid termly / in instalments
see below*

11 Lessons 30 minutes a week. £220 term. £660 year. Can be paid termly / in instalments
see below*

Please note **Mr Cliffe (guitar / bass guitar)** has different charges

11 Lessons 15 minutes a week. £100 term. £300 year. Can be paid termly / in instalments
see below*

11 Lessons 30 minutes a week. £200 term. £600 year. Can be paid termly / in instalments
see below

Please be aware Parent Pay reflects a whole year of lessons; finance are unable to change payment items to reflect exact payments for students starting lesson's part way through the year or changing the length of a lesson. Please ignore Parent Pay. If any music arrears are owed, notifications will come to you directly from the finance department.

Pupil Premium Funding

To be considered for funding please email s.raja@finhampark.co.uk

PP After Year 11 Students who were funded using pupil premium funding in year 7 - 11 are not eligible in Year 12 and 13. Please speak to the sixth form and apply for the bursary.



Finance administration

All payments for Music Lessons are made via Parent Pay. www.parentpay.com Please ensure payments are made by the Music Tuition Payment dates.

Once the initial payment has been made, Parent Pay gives you the option of choosing how much you wish to pay, whilst processing the payment. This enables you to pay smaller amounts more frequently if you prefer.

To cancel lessons or if you are having financial difficulties making payments, please contact myself j.sharkey@finhampark.co.uk

Finance issues - I don't have access to any money information therefore can't help these enquiries.

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| • Autumn 1 | 30th September 2025 |
| • Autumn 2 | 3rd November 2025 |
| • Spring 1 | 5th January 2026 |
| • Spring 2 | 2nd March 2026 |
| • Summer 1 | 30th April 2026 |
| • Summer 2 | 1st June 2026 |

For finance queries please contact finance@finhampark.co.uk

Cancellation of lessons

Any cancellations of lessons must be through Mrs Sharkey, not the instrumental teacher.

The noticed required is 6 instrumental lessons, our teachers are self employed. Lessons continue for the academic year unless instructed to cancel. Each summer an email is sent to current parents to have priority in continuing lessons.

A copy of your completed form is automatically emailed to you - please check junk / spam folders.



Administration

All communication for lessons come from Mrs Sharkey direct. Please make sure to add the following email to your contacts as emails can land automatically in junk / spam. j.sharkey@finhampark.co.uk.

Any changes to lesson times once term starts need to be direct with the instrument teacher.

September : Lesson start date

Lessons start the week beginning September 15th 2024. This allows students to have one full week of learning as they learn their new school timetable.

Lessons are organised in a two-week carousel where possible moving across the school day. This prevents students from missing the same lesson each week.

Rehearsal

Students are expected to rehearse each week, and will be given a practice diary to make note each week of their work and, for teachers to write progress notes to you as parents. You can also use this to communicate back to the teacher.

Performance Exams

We encourage students to take performance exams however, it is not an expectation. For information, students who achieve Grade 6 in their instrument but don't study GCSE can have this added to their final profile in Year 11. Students who achieved Grade 6, 7 or 8 can use these qualifications for UCAS as they acquire [UCAS points](#).

Music Tuition Payment dates for academic year 2025-2026.

Further information



Mrs Sharkey administers lessons, timetables are emailed to parents. Paper copies are available from the music department corridor in E block.
Teachers are given access to the timetables for reference.

Year 11 and Year 13

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 will study for two terms until Easter as this enables students to focus on their exams, and releases lessons ready for new students. Parents can email Mrs Sharkey to ask to have the full year of study which will be considered.

ParentPay will be set up in the first month of the academic year. Payment dates will be confirmed soon.

EXAMS : During examination periods lessons can be arranged to fit exams, with prior notice. Students need to organise this with their teacher, as soon as they are given their exam timetable, rather than on the day.

Teacher Absence

Where a teacher is absent lessons are made up at the end of term.

Student Absence

Unfortunately, we are not able to refund for student absence to lessons. Where appropriate, with advance warning lessons can be rearranged direction with the instrumental teacher. Teachers are expected to email informing you of a missed lesson.

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Lessons are allocated in their independent learning time where possible.



After signing up for lessons

- I communicate all timetables, and updates with parents using the email(s) submitted. Please check junk mail as my emails can land up in the junk folder. This information is not sent to mentors as it is more efficient to liaise direct with parents.
 - I instruct finance to set up parent pay.
 - New timetables are shared each term

Mrs Sharkey
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