



## KING EDWARD VI HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

### From the Music Department:

I am very much looking forward to welcoming your daughter to King Edward VI High School for Girls and getting her involved in our wide range of practical music-making ensembles, many of which rehearse jointly with King Edward's School.

The information in the handbook will give you some idea of what activities take place each week. You will be emailed about musical ensembles at the start of the Autumn Term. This will include days, times, and rooms of each ensemble; instrumentation and standard of each; and how your daughter can audition, if required. If you think that your daughter should be playing in something or singing in the choir, and isn't, then please let me know via email at [m.sanders@keschools.org.uk](mailto:m.sanders@keschools.org.uk).

Instrumental lessons can usually be arranged in school with a visiting teacher. The cost of this varies from teacher to teacher but is usually around £250 per term. Please fill in the online form below, (a separate form for each instrument please) and submit it before **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** if possible. If you have any issues with the online form, please email Miss Stewart (Music Administrator) at [m.stewart@keschools.org.uk](mailto:m.stewart@keschools.org.uk) to let us know.

Whilst we try to arrange lessons for every girl who has requested them, some instruments can be over-subscribed. Lessons take place before school, break, lunchtime and after school. However, in Thirds, Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth, lessons, will as much as feasibly possible, be on a 5-week rotation so that girls come out of timetabled lessons for their instrumental lesson. If this is not a suitable option, teachers will make arrangements to try and fit your daughter into other slots. Please be aware however, that Lower Fifth to Upper Sixth get priority over these slots due to their exam preparation. If your daughter wishes to have more than one instrumental lesson, one of those will be in a fixed slot.

If your daughter is happily settled with a private instrumental tutor, you may prefer to stick with this arrangement; it will in no way affect her participating in our bands and orchestras or taking Associated Board exams through the school.

Our visiting instrumental staff are not employed by the school; parents enter into a written agreement with the teacher when lessons begin. The teacher issues an invoice, and the parent sends the money directly to the teacher. This means that the school does not usually intervene in any dispute between the teacher and the parent. We have over 20 visiting teachers. Lessons take place in our fantastic suite of practice rooms at both KEHS and KES. Below is a list of the visiting teachers currently at the school, along with the instruments they teach.

- Miss Emma Barron – cello
- Mr Robert Birchall – piano
- Mrs Cath Butler – French horn
- Ms Di Charles – recorder
- Ms Wai Sum Chong – piano
- Miss Sarah Cotterill – singing
- Ms Sarah Daniels -- piano
- Ms Kath Gittings – violin
- Mr Max Gittings – flute
- Mr Andrew Gough -- guitar
- Mrs Helen Griffiths – violin
- Mr Sandy Hay – flute
- Mr Paul Herbert – piano & theory
- Mr Chris Hickman – trombone & tuba
- Mr Gary Hill – drums
- Mr Darren Hogg -- organ
- Mr Chris Hughes – violin
- Miss Liz Larner – guitar
- Ms Linnea Markgren - singing
- Mrs Jo Mayne – bassoon
- Mr James McDowall – flute
- Miss Carol Millward – violin & viola
- Mrs Lesley Morson – oboe
- Mr Martin Owen – violin

- Mr Stephen Plummer -- percussion
- Mr Jon Sheppard -- trumpet
- Ms Rela Spyrou – clarinet & saxophone
- Ms Kate Thompson -- piano

Associated Board Examinations are held in school each term. Associate Board digital 'Performance Grades' are also available for pupils to take throughout the year via remote exams. Girls may take exams in school whether or not they have lessons at KEHS, and we can provide accompanists for all girls if required.

Please note that the school insurance does not cover girls' instruments which are brought into school. Please make sure that either they are covered on your household insurance or that special arrangements have been made. Instruments must be in hard cases (especially cellos) labelled with name and form, and they should be left in the instrument store, opposite the Music Office.

If your daughter is interested in instrumental lessons within KEHS, please complete the online form below, but select 'Instrumental Lessons' as the option.

If your daughter is interested in starting an instrument but is not sure what to try, we will be offering a free trial lesson on any of the following range of instruments:

Clarinet

Oboe

Bassoon

Trumpet

Double Bass

Trombone

French Horn

Pupils will only be allowed one free lesson. If following a free trial lesson, your daughter wishes to continue learning this instrument, please ask your daughter to collect a form Miss Stewart in the Music Office.

If your daughter is interested in a free trial, please complete the online form below, but select 'Trial Lessons' as the option.

I hope that your daughter will enjoy music at KEHS.

Miss Michelle Sanders, Director of Music

Please complete the online form using the link below. You will be able to submit more than one response, if necessary. If you have any issues, please email Miss Stewart (Music Administrator) at [m.stewart@keschools.org.uk](mailto:m.stewart@keschools.org.uk).

**Link:**

[Music Department KEHS- Instrumental Lesson Request Form – Fill out form](#)