

Learning an instrument @ St Margaret's Academy

Learning an instrument has huge benefits which has an incredible ripple effect into the classroom.

One of the most recognised benefits of learning music at a young age is the benefit it has on memory and confidence. Having your child learn an instrument can also help to improve their attention and concentration. It requires children to focus and concentrate on a single activity for prolonged periods of time. Giving your child the opportunity to learn an instrument will also help them to master their coordination. Many instruments require fine motor movement. With instruments like the guitar and piano, children need to coordinate each finger to a precise key in the right way.

Ukulele

At St Margaret's ALL children in Year 2 (Summer term) and Year 3 (Autumn term-ending at Christmas) learn to play the Ukulele with Mr Hopkins as a whole class.

Your child can continue lessons with him (paid for by parents/carers) in small groups or 1:1. Please contact Stuart Hopkins if you are interested:

Stuart Hopkins

Call: 07979 148929

shopkins2112@gmail.com

Stuart also teaches Guitar.

Fife/Flute

All of Year 4 learn to play the recorder and then in Year 5 they use their recorder skills when learning the Fife (similar to the flute). They have whole class lessons with Jane Anderson-Brown after Easter.

Jane is also available (paid by parents/carers) to teach the children the fife/flute in school. In small groups or 1:1.

Jane Anderson-Brown

jane.andersonbrown@gmail.com

Jane is also available to teach Piano, Saxophone, J-Sax (plastic Sax), Clarinet and Singing in school.

If you would like to purchase a fife for your child to use at home, these are the ones they will be using in school. They are £13 on Amazon currently:

[YAMAHA YRF21 Recorders Fifes : Amazon.co.uk: Musical Instruments & DJ](#)

Guitar

Mr Hopkins takes the reins again in Year 6 where he teaches Guitar. This is a natural progression from the ukulele. Please contact Stuart on the details above if you are interested in your child having guitar lessons.

You don't need to wait until your child has been taught any of these instruments in class. It will give them a great confidence boost if they are already ahead of the game.

Drums

Please contact Dan if you would like your child to learn the drums:

rhythmismylife@hotmail.co.uk

Rock Steady Band

Rock Steady are a company that come into St Margaret's. They create bands that have singers, guitarists, bass guitarists, drummers and keyboard players. The bands perform every term to parents/carers and the rest of the school. If you are interested in this please register on the link below:

[Information for Parents | Rocksteady Music School](#)

If you have any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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