



# Theatr Clwyd Music

## Schools' Programme 2024/25

### 1. Instrumental and vocal lessons

**We have previously asked schools to financially contribute towards every lesson taking place in school.**

Schools have no direct control over how many pupils sign up for lessons (this is done directly by a parent/carer) so the amount each school has to pay depends on the number of lessons taking place.

There was **negative feedback from schools about this system due to its unpredictability.**

Current model:

	Individual 30 min	Individual 20 min	Group of 2 (30 mins)	Group of 3 (30 mins)
Yearly charge (paid by parent)	£570.00	£380.00	£245.00	£160.00
Cost per lesson	£16.76	£11.18	£7.21	£4.71
Per lesson (total from parents)	£16.76	£11.18	£14.41	£14.12
TCMT Charge	£19.10	£12.73	£19.10	£19.10
School contribution (per lesson)	£2.34	£1.56	£4.69	£4.98

**In 2024/25 we will remove the school contribution for lessons, facilitated by an increase in cost to parents/carers.**

Additionally, there will no longer be a choice of a group of 2 or a group of 3. Group lessons will still be an option but if there are 2 pupils signed up, the lessons will be 20 minutes and, when 3 pupils have signed up, the lessons will be 30 minutes.

The new model:

	Individual 30 min	Individual 20 min	Group of 2 (20 mins)	Group of 3 (30 mins)
Yearly charge	£648	£432	£180	£180
Cost per pupil per lesson	£19.06	£12.71	£5.29	£5.29
Per lesson (total)	£19.06	£12.71	£10.59	£15.88

### **Change in cost per year to parents/carers:**

Individual - 30 minute (150 current pupils) - £78 increase (12%)

Individual - 20 minute (240 current pupils) - £52 increase (12%)

Group of 2 - 20 minutes (165 current pupils) - £65 decrease in cost but 10 minute (5 min per pupil) reduction in lesson time

Group of 3 - 30 minutes (450 current pupils) - £20 increase (11%)

We feel these increases are not excessive and charges have remained the same for the last 3 years although we do recognise cost is still a major barrier for some pupils.

Schools will continue to support the cost of lessons for pupils who qualify for the Pupil Development Grant (PDG) and those taking GCSE and A-level music.

By **removing the per lesson cost to schools, we encourage schools to sign up to the new Schools Subscription or additional services (ensembles, workshops)**, investing in high quality music and expressive arts in school and continuing to support the Music Service.

## **2. Theatr Clwyd School Subscription**

Our School Subscription is a wide ranging offer, supporting pupils, teachers and your wider school community through the creative arts. Alongside music, we are working with the Creative Engagement Team to ensure a broad offer across art forms.

Through signing up to the scheme, schools will have access\* to:

- 2 free creative, multi-artform workshops per year
- 1 live music performance
- Monthly online twilight teacher training
- Support for creating an Expressive Arts strategy for your school
- Support for Arts Council Wales initiative applications (eg: Lead Creative School, Go and See)
- Support with school productions and concerts
- Loan of classroom instruments (xylophones, drums, recorders)
- Projects including Schools' Gig Night and Big Sings
- Ticket offers for shows for school groups
- Wellbeing offer and ticket scheme for school staff
- Music Mark Membership (UK Music Education Sector Organisation)
- The opportunity to be involved in the Curriculum Support pilot scheme

This also will be developed further with the reopening of the Theatr Clwyd building in 2025 and in response to ongoing feedback from schools.

Cost to schools: **£1500 per year or £2000 including a FE Follow On programme**

**£150 early bird discount for schools who book before 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

\*some of this offer will be subject to availability

### 3. First Experiences

The First Experiences programme of whole-class instrumental teaching, offered **free of charge to all year 3 students in Flintshire will be continued in 2024-25.**

The programme continues to aim to give pupils the opportunity to learn an instrument in a fun and relaxed environment, whilst also building skills and confidence through singing, musical games and performances.

Sessions are co-delivered with a Theatr Clwyd Music Associate working alongside school staff, providing a valuable opportunity for classroom practitioners to develop their own confidence delivering music activities in the broader curriculum.

We will be encouraging the use of **Charanga** online resources. Charanga has been made available through Wales National Music Service free of charge to all schools and music services

#### **Changes for 2024/25:**

All primary schools will **have 17 weekly sessions over the academic year** lasting up to an hour. These will take place either September 2024 – February 2025 or February 2025 – July 2025.

The 17 sessions will include a setup session and a final performance.

**All schools will have an instrumental element** to their First Experiences lessons alongside singing and musical skills. No schools will be only offered singing.

First Experiences is funded by Wales National Music Service

### 4. Follow on from First Experiences

We're offering schools the **option to buy in an additional 17 sessions** with a Music Associate, giving pupils the chance to follow on from the First Experiences sessions and providing a pathway to starting instrumental or vocal lessons.

Schools will get an hour of delivery time which can be broken down into shorter sessions for smaller groups of pupils or continue to work with the full class. **Instruments are provided** and there may also be the option for pupils to try different instruments from the same family, such as cello and viola (strings), trombone and tenor horn (brass) clarinet and flute (woodwind).

While the follow on sessions could be used for the whole class to continue sessions, we suggest they are **aimed at pupils who are enthusiastic about carrying on from First Experiences.** Smaller group sessions can be delivered by a Theatr Clwyd Music Associate without the support of school staff. Full class sessions should be co-delivered alongside school staff.

Cost to schools: **£650 (17 x 1 hour sessions) or £500 added as part of school subscription (total subscription cost £2000) .**

## 5. Large groups lessons and ensembles

Theatr Clwyd Music Associates can deliver large group teaching, ensembles, choirs, or run an after school musical after school club.

Cost to schools: **£38.20 per hour** (minimum booking 30 minutes and 1 term).

## 6. Workshops and live music

We can offer one off workshops to support the curriculum across any art form (music, dance, drama, visual art, film). We will be working with Creative Engagement Team to deliver these sessions and can tailor these to your school. We can also bring live music performances to your school.

*Two workshops and one live performance and included in the School Subscription.*

Cost to schools: **£180 (up to 3 hours) and £250 (up to 5 hours)** and a live music performance (with up to 5 musicians) would be **£180 (up to 1 hour)**

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This information will be available in both English and Welsh on the Theatr Clwyd Website from June 2024

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