

Learning to play a musical instrument

AT MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL



Why learn to play a musical instrument?



Playing music helps keep you calm

You can build your confidence through playing music

Playing an instrument improves your social life

Learning to play will develop your own creativity

Studying music develops your listening skills

Learning an instrument teaches discipline and responsibility

Music exposes you to cultural history

Playing Music is fun!



Which instrument to choose?

The Brass Family

For example, only the brass family of instruments go to the front because they are made of brass. They are usually very big and noisy but are used all around the orchestra. The brass family includes the trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, and flugelhorn.

Trumpet

Flugelhorn

Tuba

Trombone

French Horn

The String Family

Stringing strings give you the most string instruments. They can be played, as in a guitar or harp, bowed like a violin, or struck with a mallet, like a dulcimer. The instruments in the string family are guitar, viola, violin, double bass, mandolin, cello, and harp.

Harp

Guitar

Cello

Bass

Violin

Viola

The Woodwinds Family

Woodwind instruments produce sound when the player blows air into them. But in the brass family, sound is produced by vibrating the lips against a sharp edge or through a reed. The woodwind family includes the piccolo, clarinet, flute, bass clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, and recorder.

Piccolo

Recorder

Clarinet

Bassoon

Flute

Bass Clarinet

Saxophone

The Percussion Family

The percussion family of instruments is the largest in the orchestra. They can be played in many ways, such as with mallets, sticks, or hands. The percussion family includes the xylophone, cymbals, tambourine, piano, triangle, snare drum, bass drum, and tympani.

Tympani

Cymbals

Tambourine

Piano

Triangle

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

Xylophone



Guitar

A stringed instrument

Three different kinds of guitar –
classical, acoustic, electric and bass

Have a listen!

ACOUSTIC
GUITAR



ELECTRIC
GUITAR



SPANISH
GUITAR



BASS
GUITAR





Flute and Clarinet

What is the difference?

One is made of metal and one made of wood

The clarinet has a reed, the flute doesn't

Have a listen!





Violin and Viola

What is the difference?

Violin is smaller than a viola

Violin is higher pitched than the viola

Have a listen!







Interested? What next?

- ▶ **Download a letter from our website or collect a letter from Mrs Shaw in MU1**
- ▶ **Read the information in the letter**
- ▶ **If you are still interested and would like to book lessons on an instrument, complete the booking form attached to the letter**
- ▶ **Return your booking form to Mrs Shaw in MU1**
- ▶ **The teacher of your chosen instrument will be notified of your booking and will contact you to start the contract and make payment for lessons**
- ▶ **Once this has been done, lessons will begin and you will start your music making journey!**
- ▶ **All lessons take place during the school day**

Good Luck!

Remember, playing music is fun!

The bands and artists you listen to every day started this way.

With hard work, perseverance and determination you could be the next big thing!