

# The Conservatoire



## INDIVIDUAL TUITION

Instrumental and vocal lessons  
for children and adults

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## One-to-one lessons

Learn how to play an instrument or how to develop your voice. We teach all abilities from complete beginners to professional standard, and all ages from 5 upwards (minimum age varies).

Lessons can be any day of the week, and we offer evenings and weekends to fit in with your work schedule or school timetable. Daytime lessons during the week attract a substantial discount.

Currently some 550 students take a wide variety of weekly instrumental and vocal lessons with around 60 tutors. Where appropriate, students are prepared for grade examinations, diplomas and the GCSE and A-level Music performance units.

One-to-one lessons at the Conservatoire also give you these other benefits:

- Advice, coaching and mock examinations from senior staff
- Regular feedback on progress, including a written annual report
- Opportunities to perform as a soloist or in ensembles at termly concerts

- Any instrument, any style
- Individual tuition encourages rapid progress
- Discounts on choirs and some other music classes
- Cheaper lessons between 10am and 3pm on weekdays
- Short course of five lessons available in any instrument
- Consultation lessons can be arranged with no commitment



## Shared lessons

Shared lessons are a fun way to learn an instrument with a friend. Students should be of similar age and ability – the lessons are particularly suitable for beginners. They give the benefit of learning an instrument while playing together. This is a good way to raise a child's self-esteem and encourage their performing ability.

Students progress on to one-to-one lessons once they would then benefit more from individual attention.

## Fees

<b>Standard lessons</b>	£275 per term
<b>Weekday daytimes</b>	£195 per term
<b>Short courses</b>	£138 per 5 lessons
<b>Shared lessons</b>	£190 per term

A standard term is twelve weekly 30-minute lessons. Longer or fortnightly lessons are charged pro rata.



Monthly Direct Debits are the easiest way to pay – please ask for details. For example, a year at £275 per term = 9 monthly payments of £92

## Instruments

We can provide one-to-one or shared lessons in almost any instrument – if you can't find the one you're looking for in the list, please get in touch with us. Please note that we have a minimum age for lessons, which varies by instrument. We can offer advice on hiring or purchasing an instrument – please ask after you've applied.

### List of instruments and minimum ages

<b>Keyboard</b>		<b>Woodwind</b>	
Piano	5yrs	Flute	7yrs
Keyboard	5yrs	Oboe	11yrs
Harpichord	16yrs	Clarinet	7yrs
		Saxophone	9yrs
		Recorder	5yrs
<b>Strings</b>		<b>Brass &amp; Percussion</b>	
Violin	5yrs	Trumpet	7yrs
Viola	5yrs	Cornet	7yrs
Cello	5yrs	Percussion	7yrs
Classical Guitar	5yrs		
<b>Voice</b>		<b>Music Studies</b>	
Singing	9yrs	Theory	7yrs
		Aural	7yrs
<b>Jazz &amp; Popular</b>		Composition/ Arranging	11yrs
Electric Guitar	8yrs		
Bass Guitar	8yrs		
Jazz Piano	9yrs		
Jazz Singing	9yrs		
Drumkit	7yrs		
Ukulele	6yrs		

## More information

- A registration fee of £20 is due unless you have paid it in the past.
- You may enrol at any point – fees will be charged pro rata.
- You will be automatically re-enrolled at the end of each term. A half-term's notice (six teaching weeks) of leaving is required in writing.
- If the teacher misses a lesson, arrangements for a make-up lesson will be made or a credit will be given.
- Lessons missed by the student cannot be made up and refunds will not be made.



## How to apply

- **Download a one-to-one application form from [www.conservatoire.org.uk](http://www.conservatoire.org.uk)**
- **Contact the office on 020 8852 0234 or [info@conservatoire.org.uk](mailto:info@conservatoire.org.uk) and we'll send a form to you**

Once you've applied, we'll offer a choice of days and times within two weeks. There's nothing to pay until you've agreed a day and time with us.

## Examinations

All students are offered the opportunity to take graded examinations. The Conservatoire is the Blackheath practical examination centre for ABRSM, so most exams are taken using this syllabus.

Students are also able to take short courses focussing on the aural section of the exam prior to the exam dates. These are available as one-to-one lessons, or groups for children.

## Tutors

The team of tutors at The Conservatoire is drawn from a wide-ranging group of extremely talented and distinguished musicians, who combine high-profile performing careers with dedicated teaching. All tutors are CRB checked.

The range and diversity of styles on offer is extremely broad, so whether it is classical, jazz, rock or pop that you wish to study, there is an appropriate tutor available to help you develop your technical skills and musical awareness.

Should you be undecided about which instrument or which style to learn, an appointment can be arranged with the Director of Music, who will be happy to give advice about all the available options. The Director of Music is also able to give guidance on the most appropriate tutor to match your individual needs.

For more information or to book a class, course or event, please call us on **020 8852 0234**, email us at [info@conservatoire.org.uk](mailto:info@conservatoire.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.conservatoire.org.uk](http://www.conservatoire.org.uk).

For details of our other activities, please ask us for the **Group Courses** guide.

## The Conservatoire



We are situated at the southern end of Blackheath Village, within easy reach of central London and the surrounding area.

### By train:

Blackheath has regular services from Charing Cross, Cannon Street, London Bridge and Victoria. There is a connection to the DLR at Lewisham.

### By bus:

The 54, 89, 108, 202, 380 and 386 all stop in Blackheath Village. Many other routes pass through Lee Green, ten minutes walk away.

### By car:

The A2, A20 and A205 South Circular Road are nearby. Please note that we do not have any parking or dropping off facilities.

*The Conservatoire reserves the right to close courses where numbers fall below a viable level. The Conservatoire reserves the right to exclude people who conduct themselves in an unsatisfactory manner. The Conservatoire will take legal action to recover outstanding fees. All information correct at time of going to press. Those enrolling for One-to-One or Shared Instrumental and Vocal lessons and Roundabout are required to pay a one-off £20 non-refundable enrolment fee.*