

South Dartmoor Primary Music Centre 2023 – 2024



South Dartmoor Community College



About Us: Our Philosophy

We believe that music making should be accessible for all and we would like to open our doors to more young people within our community. We are very lucky to be supported by an amazing team of Music teachers and Visiting Music Teachers who are as passionate about music as we are. We bring affordable and high-quality music making opportunities to our young people through a range of activities available thanks to funding from Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs.

Our Music Centre is for primary school pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. We cater for pupils who live in the South Dartmoor Community College catchment area, or those who attend a partner (feeder) primary school. Pupils from outside this area are welcome to attend if places are available.



New for 23/24 Music Centre Choir, Group Orchestral Percussion Tuition, Moor Lessons Group Tuition and Private Tuition.

South Dartmoor Junior Orchestra

What is it?

With funding from Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs, we are delighted to be able to offer students the opportunity to play with an orchestra, alongside other young musicians from the South Dartmoor Learning Community. The orchestra is led by our Visiting Music Teachers and there will be opportunities for our orchestra to perform at events in 2023-24.

Who can attend?

Students in Years 4 - 6 in primary and Years 7 - 8 in secondary who are actively learning an instrument from beginner level up to Grade 3 standard.

How much does it cost?

Thanks to funding from Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs, we offer this opportunity to students for free.

When and where does it run?

Thursdays, weekly from 4.00 – 5.00pm in the South Dartmoor College Music Department. The first session is on Thursday, 21 September 2023.

How do I sign-up?

We will need a registration and consent form [includes emergency contact details] to be completed using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ant4tvRyKj>



Please contact rjlewis@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk if you need further information.



Group Tuition – New Starter

Looking to start learning an instrument?

This is a weekly session for new starters where your child will receive specialist instrumental tuition in a group setting.

Who can attend?

Any student in Years 4, 5 or 6 attending a primary school in the South Dartmoor Learning Community, or who lives in the College catchment area who would like to learn an orchestral instrument. This is perfect for those who are keen to learn, but do not yet want to commit to the full cost of purchasing or hiring an instrument and paying for individual instrumental lessons.

Where and when does it run?

New Starter Sessions run on Thursdays after school from 3.30-6pm, in the South Dartmoor Community College Music Department. You can express your interest using our registration form below, spaces will be subject to availability. The time of the group lesson will be confirmed, if numbers require the length of the Centre times may need be extended. The Centre runs in a bespoke way to support students, lessons and music making opportunities. *Our Music Centre will begin on Thursday 21 September and will run weekly in term time.*

Group Tuition – New Starter how much does it cost?

£3.00 per session. There will be 30 sessions for this academic year and charged termly [£30], we can create different payment options if preferred, do not hesitate in contacting the centre with any questions. Payment will be made via our College online parentpay shop.

To request starter group tuition please complete the form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ant4tvRyKj>

Continuing Tuition – *moor lessons*

This is a weekly session for students who have previously received tuition at the Centre 22/23, your child will continue to receive subsidised specialist instrumental tuition in a group setting.

Group Tuition – Moor Lessons how much does it cost?

£4.00 per session. There will be 30 sessions for this academic year and charged termly [£40], we can create different payment options if preferred, do not hesitate in contacting the centre with any questions. Payment will be made via our College online parentpay shop.

To request continuing group tuition please complete the form using the link below:

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Continuing Tuition – *private lessons*

These are available on all instruments offered at the Primary Centre, tutors will contact you directly to arrange.

To enquire about private tuition please complete the form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ant4tvRyKj>



Choice of Instruments for Group Tuition:

Violins

The violin is a perfect instrument to introduce primary aged students to playing a stringed instrument. From learning the violin, pupils can often move on to learning viola, cello or double bass and we offer a kick start programme for learning the cello at secondary age.

Woodwind

Clarinet or Saxophone group lessons are available at the Centre. Learning a woodwind instrument, such as clarinet and saxophone, often leads to students progressing to other woodwind instruments such as the flute, oboe or bassoon.

Brass

Bb Trumpet group starter lessons are available with our tutor, from this instrument students may be advised and encouraged to consider other brass instruments such as Trombone and Tuba.

Orchestral Percussion

We are excited to introduce orchestral percussion group tuition at the Centre this Academic Year. Students will explore our percussion suite which includes Timpani, Xylophone, Marimba and Glockenspiel and gain understanding through rhythm and pitch work within this setting.

Musicianship and Choir

Students who sign up to group tuition will also be able to access a weekly Choir and Musicianship sessions as part of our Music Centre. They will have the option to be part of the Centre Choir as well as learn some basic keyboard skills, general musicianship and enjoy an additional music making opportunities with one of our visiting music teachers at the College. The sessions will take place on Thursdays as part of the group tuition and Junior Orchestra programme. The Centre runs in a bespoke way to support students, lessons and music making opportunities.

Why should my child learn an instrument?

- We have a fantastic team of Tutors covering many instruments and styles.
- Learning an instrument can improve your memory, stimulates creativity, teaches patience, enhances coordination, boosts confidence, improves listening skills, introduces new cultures and history and improves social skills.
- This will be an opportunity to meet new teachers and pupils from different schools.

How do I sign-up?

Please sign up using the registration form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ant4tvRyKi>



Instruments for Group tuition

Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs provides quality instruments for our group tuition sessions at the College so your child will always have something to play on in their session. This is free of charge. However, if your child would like to take an instrument home to practice then you will need to hire the instrument. This hire agreement can be completed at any stage and the standard cost is £30 per term, or £30 per year for students eligible for Pupil Premium. A discount is applied if you indicate that your child is attending the Music Centre. You will need to wait until after the first session to hire an instrument so that your child can be given an instrument that is the correct size. Your child will bring home instructions on how to hire the instrument including the serial number for the instrument that they are learning. Once this paperwork is complete your child can take the instrument home for practice between lessons.

[Registration - Devon & Torbay Music Education Hubs \(speedadmin.dk\)](https://speedadmin.dk)

Session Dates:

Autumn Term

Session 1 - Thursday 21 September 2023
Session 2 - Thursday 28 September 2023
Session 3 - Thursday 05 October 2023
Session 4 - Thursday 12 October 2023
Session 5 - Thursday 19 October 2023
Session 6 – Thursday 02 November 2023
Session 7 – Thursday 09 November 2023
Session 8 – Thursday 16 November 2023
Session 9 - Thursday 23 November 2023
Session 10 - Thursday 30 November 2023

Spring Term

Session 1 - Thursday 11 January 2024
Session 2 - Thursday 18 January 2024
Session 3 - Thursday 25 January 2024
Session 4 - Thursday 01 February 2024
Session 5 - Thursday 08 February 2024
Session 6 - Thursday 22 February 2024
Session 7 - Thursday 29 February 2024
Session 8 - Thursday 07 March 2024
Session 9 - Thursday 14 March 2024
Session 10 - Thursday 21 March 2024

Summer Term

Session 1 - Thursday 18 April 2024
Session 2 - Thursday 25 April 2024
Session 3 - Thursday 02 May 2024
Session 4 - Thursday 09 May 2024
Session 5 - Thursday 16 May 2024
Session 6 - Thursday 23 May 2024
Session 7 - Thursday 06 June 2024
Session 8 - Thursday 13 June 2024
Session 9 - Thursday 20 June 2024
Session 10 - Thursday 27 June 2024

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