

SUSSEX DRUM LESSONS @ RCC

Information for parents and carers

Drum lessons are available at RCC with the school drum teacher – Mr Ollie Green. Students will be taught for half an hour per week, in pairs at a cost of £80.00 per term or individually, at £150.00 per term. 10 lessons will be offered per term (Autumn, Spring and Summer) and parents will be responsible for payment at the beginning of each term. Subsidised lessons are also available for pupils in receipt of free school meals.

Drum lessons will cover a wide range of styles including pop/rock, jazz, latin and afro-cuban. Lessons are structured and follow a scheme of work, however, this can be tailored to suit the pupils' likes and dislikes. We will also work closely with the music department to enable your son/daughter to take part in school concerts if this is something they wish to do.

We hope students and parents will see this tuition as a long-term commitment, enabling students to become proficient players in a variety of styles. This skill can be used as part of GCSE Music i.e. performing and enabling pupils to use the instrument to help their skills at musical composition. If pupils wish to take grades (though not compulsory) then grades 6 – 8 also hold UCAS points for University entry. Parental support is essential to the success of learning any musical instrument.

Starting Lessons

If you wish for your son/daughter to have lessons please could you fill in the form **at the back on this pack** and send to the address provided or hand it in to the music department. To speed up the application process you may wish to fill out the application form online and send via email. This can be found at: www.sussexdrumlessons.co.uk/RCC

The drum tutor

Ollie Green is a professional drummer with over 10 years of teaching experience. Playing has taken Ollie all over the UK and abroad playing all styles of music. Currently when he's not teaching he can be found playing in function bands, theatre pits and recording studios. Past pupils have now gone on to become professional drummers themselves.

How drum lessons work at RCC

Drum lessons take place at RCC throughout the school day and are on a rotating timetable so that pupils will come out of class each week at a different time. The school and its teachers are very supportive of music lessons and are aware of pupils needing to go to music lessons.

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What you need

Your son/daughter does not need any equipment for their first lesson. After the first lesson a pair of sticks and a tuition book will be required but information about these will be given in the first lesson. It is recommended that you do not purchase a drum kit for the first term to ensure your son/daughter enjoys the lessons. If, after the first term you wish to purchase a drum kit advice can be given to you but it is not imperative that you own a kit as the school offers the pupils a chance to practice at school on the school drum kits during break, lunch and after school.

The curriculum

A scheme of work is in place and includes graded music. It is not imperative that the pupil takes exams but if he/she wishes to take the exams these can be prepared for. The scheme of work is also flexible so that it can be tailored to a pupil's preference.

Reports & parents evenings

Reports will be provided at the end of the first term and then annually thereafter. Parent's evenings will also take place annually.

Fees

The first term's tuition fee will be payable on the date of the first lesson; thereafter fees are invoiced termly, payable three times a year – January, April and September. Cheques are to be made payable to **MR OLIVER GREEN** and may be post dated up to one month in advance of the invoice date.

Fees are calculated on the basis of a minimum of 30 lessons per academic year. This creates, on average, 10 lessons per term and invoices are billed accordingly. The school year is 38 weeks so there is flexibility for staff sick leave etc.

Missed Lessons

Please note that there are 38 school weeks per year in which we offer 30 lessons. This allows flexibility for staff sickness etc as well as school closures (severe weather, INSET days etc). If a pupil misses a lesson due to illness etc the lesson will still be charged. A catch-up lesson may be offered if possible but is not guaranteed.

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Withdrawal From Lessons

Lessons will continue each term unless we hear otherwise. Lessons are offered in termly groups (10 lessons) and so withdrawals can only take place at the end of a term and with 4 weeks notice. Withdrawals must be emailed or written to Sussex Drum Lessons, as verbal notification by pupils is not accepted.

Queries

If you have any queries relating to drum lessons please do not hesitate to contact us via the following contact details:

Email: Ollie@sussexdrumlessons.co.uk

Tel: 07932820466

Write to: Mr Oliver Green
Sussex Drum Lessons
31 Sand Ridge
Ridgewood
Uckfield
East Sussex
TN22 5ET

Visit us at: www.sussexdrumlessons.co.uk/RCC.html

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