

# TASKER MILWARD VC SCHOOL

## Peripatetic music lessons and extra curricular activities.

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Music is highly valued at Tasker Milward School and as such the school invests significantly in covering the costs for the provision of instrumental and vocal tuition from the County music service each year. As a part of this service, the music department also offers opportunities for pupils to extend their ensemble skills by being part of the school orchestra or choir. In addition, pupils from these ensembles may also participate in string, woodwind, brass, jazz and vocal ensembles, as well as school productions.

It is the policy of the school that students receive free instrumental and / or vocal tuition as long as they regularly attend rehearsals for whichever ensemble they are required for. The school ensembles are successful and are of benefit to all pupils that attend. The advantages of being part of such a group cannot be underestimated, improving sight reading, aural skills and all round confidence in performing. It also offers the opportunity to perform at a number of musical events throughout the school year.

The cost to the school of providing peripatetic music tuition is currently around £35,000 per annum, at an hourly rate of £40.90. If pupils are unwilling to attend an ensemble, they are no longer entitled to receive free tuition. They may, however, either seek private tuition outside school, or pay for tuition in school. At the current rate of £40.90 per hour, a twenty minute lesson would cost in the region of £13.60.

It is County policy that pupils only attend County music ensembles if they regularly attend school music ensembles. The same applies for SWAMWAC and National ensembles to ensure that ensembles at all levels are supported. The opportunity to play in County, SWAMWAC and National ensembles is only open to pupils who support their own school ensembles, regardless of whether they receive peripatetic music tuition or not.