



ST GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
LUXEMBOURG

St George's Music Brochure 2025-26

Wisdom begins
with **wonder**

Vocal and Instrumental Music Lessons

We believe that music enriches the life of the school, which is why we offer a comprehensive music programme throughout the year. Students have many opportunities to perform in front of an audience at recitals and other events to further their appreciation and skill. Our team of music teachers gives vocal and instrumental music lessons to approximately 280 students each week on the following instruments.

Why Enrol Your Child in Music Lessons and Ensembles

Music is more than just notes—it’s a joyful journey that helps children grow in so many ways. Research from the [Social Biobehavioural Research Group \(2023\)](#) shows that children who take part in music lessons and ensembles often have better focus, empathy, and self-esteem. The Birmingham Music Education Research Group highlights how [Whole Class Ensemble Tuition \(WCET\)](#) supports learning and inclusion, especially for those who need it most. At our school, we proudly offer WCET through multiple fun, hands-on ensemble experiences and whole class year 4 group violin lessons.

We know that practice at home can sometimes feel like a chore—especially with so many other activities in children’s lives. But we also know that the rewards of performing, whether in a group or solo, are huge. It builds confidence, resilience, and a real sense of achievement. And parents—you’re a vital part of this journey! Your encouragement and support with home practice make a world of difference. Together, we can help your child discover the joy of music and all the lifelong skills it brings.

Music Lesson Fees

Lesson Duration	Cost
25 minutes	€35
30 minutes	€41
40 minutes	€54
60 minutes	€82

Prices are subject to indexation.



Instruments Available

Strings	Woodwind	Brass	Other
Violin*	Flute*	Trumpet	Drums & Percussion
Viola*	Clarinet*	Trombone	Voice/Singing
Cello*	Recorder*		Piano
Guitar*			Music Theory
Ukulele*			Solfege

*Instrument available as individual or group lessons.

Choosing An Instrument

Your child may already know which instrument they wish to learn. But if they are undecided, our music teachers are happy to offer trial lessons to narrow down the choice.

You can arrange a trial lesson by contacting music@st-georges.lu.

For the 2025–2026 school year, group lessons in multiple instruments will be offered on a demand basis.

Instrument Options by Year Group

Year Group	Instruments Available
Year 1 +	Piano, Violin, Viola, Guitar, Ukulele, Recorder, Music Theory, Solfège
Year 3 +	Percussion, Cello
Year 4 +	Singing, Trumpet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet

Join a Music Ensemble!

St George’s music ensembles are essential for helping students grow as musicians.

We encourage students to join:

- Guitar, Percussion or String Ensembles
- Junior, Primary or Secondary Choirs
- The St George’s School Orchestra

To sign up, please refer to the **Clubs brochure**.

How to Apply

- To register your child’s interest in taking up an instrument please complete the:
- **APPLICATION FOR VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS.**

Important Dates

- **Start Date:** September 10, 2025
- **Application Deadline for September Start:** August 29, 2025
- Applications remain open year-round, but places are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so early application is recommended.

Getting the Most out of your Musical Education

Practice

Practice is essential to learning an instrument. The teacher will generally indicate how much daily practice is needed, but generally:

- Beginners should aim for 15–20 minutes a day, five days a week.
- Mindful, consistent practice is more valuable than longer, distracted sessions.
- Even parents with limited musical knowledge can support by helping create a focused and regular practice routine.
- For piano students, a piano at home is essential.

Books may also need to be purchased, the teacher will provide the details.

Suggested Weekly Practice Schedule

School Year	Daily Practice Time	Suggested Days per Week
Years 1–2	10 minutes	3 days (e.g., Mon, Wed, Fri)
Years 3–4	15 minutes	4 days
Years 5–6	20 minutes	5 days
Years 7–9	30 minutes	4 days
Years 10–13	30 minutes	5 days

Lesson day counts as a practice day. Rest days are flexible based on the student's routine.

Commitment from parents

Each teacher will hold a 'Meet the Teacher' evening that is mandatory for parents to attend. The music teachers will guide parents in ways to encourage practising outside of the music lessons.

Examinations

Students can take exams set by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) and the Royal Irish Academy of Music (RIAM) when the required level is reached. The ABRSM board has replaced the practical exams with pre-recorded performance exams examined remotely. The theory exams are now also run online. RIAM offers in-person exams. Exams taken at a G6 level or higher are given UCAS points, which help with entry into UK universities.



International Music Festivals

St George's offers possibilities to audition or be selected by their teachers to take part in music festivals hosted by [COBIS](#) (the Council of British International Schools) and [AMIS](#) (the Association of Music in International Schools). From the Online Solo and Ensemble Festival, which includes all students from Years 4 to 13 with the ability to record and submit a video for feedback, to the Middle School (KS3) and High School (KS4/5) Festivals in Choir, Band and Orchestra, we help our young musicians prepare and submit their entries.

Are you thinking of buying a musical instrument?

If you are thinking of buying an instrument, we recommend consulting your instrumental teacher. St George's also has an instrumental bank that we are happy to loan if the items are available. It is a requirement that students have an instrument of their own.

Please contact music@st-georges.lu if you would like more information on renting/buying an instrument.

Lesson Fees (Subject to index increase)

Lesson Duration & Pricing

- **30-minute lesson** (08:00–08:30): €41
- **40-minute lesson** (08:30–15:15 & fixed after-school times): €54

Note: 40-minute lessons may appear as 45 minutes for administration purposes. St George's may review these fees during the school year.



Instrumental Music Teachers at St George's

Piano

- Dr Jessica Chan-Dunster
- Mrs Chenni Chen
- Ms Ana Dimitriu
- Mrs Sarah Miles
- Mr Leon Ni
- Mrs Andrijana Radovic
- Mr André Roe
- Mr Johannes Schier
- Mr Todor Spandjov

Woodwind/Brass

- Dr Nanae Baldauff – Flute/Recorder
- Mr Leon Ni – Trombone/Trumpet
- Mr Sebastian Plata – Clarinet

Strings

- Mrs Giada Bonvissuto – Violin
- Mrs Chenni Chen – Cello
- Dr Fearghal O'Connor – Violin/Viola/Cello
- Mrs Diana Subashi – Violin
- Mr Isaac Perez – Violin

Guitar & Ukulele

- Mr Rajko Radovic – Guitar, Ukulele
- Mr Johannes Schier – Guitar, Ukulele, Bass Guitar

Percussion

- Mr Christopher Hastings – Drum Kit/Orchestral Percussion
- Mrs Aline Potin – Drum Kit/Orchestral Percussion





Voice

- Ms Ana Dimitriu – Classical/Pop/Musical Theatre
- Mrs Hila Baggio – Classical/Pop/Musical Theatre

Music Theory & Solfège

- Dr Fearghal O'Connor

Additional Information

Non-Contract Teachers (Private Billing)

- Mr Leon Ni
- Mr Sebastian Plata
- Mr André Roe
- Mrs Hila Baggio

Billing & Extras

Lessons invoiced in: November 2025, March 2026, May 2026, July 2026

Lessons are given on a termly basis, continuing from term to term unless notices of cancellation are received by music@st-georges.lu, one half-term before the proposed finishing date. Some teachers may decide to bill you directly via an invoice.

Terms & Conditions

Student Absence

No refund is given for student absences unless:

- Missed lessons due to school activities (trips, exams) are not charged to parents.
- Lessons missed due to student illness or forgetfulness will be charged to parents (Individual Music Teachers will try to recuperate lessons when possible).

Teacher Absence

If the teacher is absent, the lesson will not be charged unless suitable arrangements can be made to provide a cover teacher



Tuition Arrangements

Starting Tuition

Lesson Times

Vocal and instrumental music lessons for all students are organised on a rotational basis to avoid missing the same lesson each week.

From Year 4 onwards, it is the student's responsibility to remember their lesson timetable. Teachers will collect and return students in Years 1 to 3 from their classrooms.

Lessons Before School

Lessons before school will run from 8am to 8.30am and are reserved for:

- Students in Years 10 to 13
- Students taking two or more instrumental lessons

After-school Lessons

Instrumental teachers are **not responsible** for students outside of their teaching times. Students who have lessons at or later than **3.15pm** must also:

- attend **After-School Care/Homework Club**, or
- be **collected at reception**

Timetables 2025/2026

Music lessons will begin on Wednesday, 10 September 2025 and finish on Friday, 26 June 2026. Timetables will be available through the parent portal.

To enroll for lessons please complete the online registration form.

Closing date: 29 August 2025.

- Teacher timetables are filled on a first-come, first-served basis
- Lesson slots are **not guaranteed**
- Lessons taking place before school, at lunchtime, and after school are reserved **primarily for students in Years 10 to 13**.

Appointments with Instrumental Teachers

Parent-teacher meetings are encouraged throughout the year via Parent-Teacher-Student-Consultation (**PTSC**). Lesson observations by parents are not permitted by the school.

Parents will receive a music report via iSAMS at the end of each term.

The reports will provide:

- A view of the achievements already accomplished by students
- Future goals set by the teachers.

Care of Instruments

Instruments are the responsibility of the owner or the person who signed the rental agreement. We recommend that all instruments be insured.

Cancellation Policy

Parents/guardians must send notice of intent to cancel vocal and instrumental music lessons to music@st-georges.lu by the dates below. For example, lessons cancelled during the weeks following the February half-term holiday will be charged until the May half-term holiday, so please take note of the deadlines for cancellation. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your formal notice within seven days, please assume we have not received the email and resend.

Cancellation Deadlines

For lessons to end at:	Notification due:
Christmas break	30 November 2025
Easter break	12 February 2026
May half term	27 March 2026 (only applies to students in Years 10 to 13 due to exams)

