BERKSHIRE Maestros
THE YOUNG MUSICIANS TRUST
...teaching music, changing lives!

Fees for Teaching Year 2016/17
(Effective 1 September 2016)

Instrumental / Vocal Lessons - payable termly before tuition begins

Lessons	Duration	Fees Per Session
Standard Group (3 or more pupils)*	30 mins	£9.00
Extended Group of two	30 mins	£12.20
Individual 20	20 mins	£16.30
Individual 30	30 mins	£24.40
Individual 40	40 mins	£32.60
Individual 60	60 mins	£48.50

Minimum commitment and charge is until the end of the term in which lessons commence.

We will offer 33 sessions over the three term 2016/17 academic year. The number of weekly sessions will vary depending upon the length of each term and other factors e.g. the requirements of the school *(where lessons are school based)*. However, an invoice, based upon an estimated 11 teaching weeks will be sent prior to the start of each of the three terms.

* Duration will reduce to 20 minutes when only 2 pupils remain in a standard group.

Memberships - payable termly in advance unless otherwise stated

Activity	Duration	Loyalty Discount (Pupils taking Maestros lessons)	Full Rate (Pupils not taking Maestros lessons)
Music Centre Memberships per term			
Chamber Group	Up to 30 mins	25%	£62.00
Standard Ensemble/Band	Up to 60 mins	25%	£62.00
Extended Ensemble/Band	Over 60 mins	25%	£92.00
Theory Classes		25%	£62.00
Choirs		25%	£62.00
Mini Maestros *(includes FREE music centre choir)*		25%	£62.00
First time members (non-auditioned groups) receive 50% discount on the full rate for the first term			
Academy Memberships			
Academy		-	£46.50 per term
Academy & County Chamber Groups		-	£46.50 per term
Berkshire Choral Academy (BYV & BCC*)		-	£46.50 per term
Berkshire Guitar Academy – Debut*		-	£15.00 per term
Berkshire Guitar Academy – Intermediate*		-	£46.50 per term
Berkshire Guitar Academy - Advanced		-	£70.00 per term
Berkshire Youth Choir		25%	£250 annual fee
Berkshire Youth Guitar Orchestra		-	£250 annual fee
Berkshire Youth Percussion Ensemble		-	£250 annual fee
Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra		-	£250 annual fee
Academy members who take lessons with Maestros receive a 50% discount off the full rate of Music Centre memberships, except for those marked *			

Fees are reviewed annually. Terms and conditions apply – see overleaf

Instrument Loan Charge	£20.00 per term (or part of a term)	Only applicable for pupils taking lessons with Maestros (Terms and Conditions apply. Contact us for further details)

Terms and Conditions - Summary (Effective 1 September 2016)
What you need to know

- 33 lessons are offered over a three term academic year. For lessons in school, this may include one performance. For memberships, we guarantee a minimum of 30 sessions (County Groups excepted)
- Fees are payable termly in advance. Eleven lessons are invoiced each term together with any Membership fees and instrument loan charges. The number of lessons actually taught each term may vary from lessons billed but 33 lessons will have been offered by the end of the teaching year. Non payment of fees may lead to the withdrawal of tuition and/or memberships
- Trial lessons are not offered. The minimum commitment and charge is until the end of the term from the date that lessons commence
- Membership of Academy@Maestros and County Groups is a commitment for the whole year and as such, will be invoiced as an annual fee. Membership and benefits may be withdrawn at any time if a student defaults on attendance at rehearsals and concerts/events
- Any shortfall in delivery of the contracted 33 instrumental/voice lessons will only be credited at the end of the academic year. Credits are not applied on a term by term basis
- Lessons/sessions missed by pupils due to exams, school trips, short term illness, non-emergency cancellation by a school with less than 48 hrs notice etc. are not made up or credited
- Where 5 or more consecutive lessons are missed due to sickness/injury we will credit a maximum of 5 sessions. A membership may be temporarily suspended at Maestros discretion. A medical certificate may be required
- Lessons/sessions missed following emergency closure of a school or music centre due to an event outside *Maestros'* control (eg pandemic, flooding, snow) will not be made up or credited
- Lessons taken in school will usually lead to pupils being withdrawn from their normal school classes
- Standard group lessons last for 30 minutes. Exceptionally, at our discretion, we will teach 2 pupils for 20 minutes (standard group rate applies). Group size and length may change without notice
- *Maestros* staff are not responsible for fetching or escorting children to and from lessons
- *Maestros* only accepts responsibility for pupils during the actual lesson time
- *Maestros* does not accept liability for loss of or damage to pupils' instruments or personal possessions
- Parents/carers agree to provide music and accessories as required, to pay any examination fees and to make arrangements for accompanists where required
- Membership of ensembles, bands and choirs is determined by teaching staff. An annual audition may be required for senior ensembles
- **Lessons and memberships continue term on term and year on year until written notice of withdrawal is received by the Head Office in Reading**. Email notice is acceptable. Failure to provide the required period of written notice for an instrumental lesson will result in a late notice charge being incurred up to a maximum of £40.00
- To withdraw without penalty, written notice must be given as follows: to withdraw at end of autumn term by **24 October**; at end of spring term by **13 February**; at end of summer term by **29 May**
- Tuition may be withdrawn in the event of disruptive or anti-social behaviour by either the pupil or parent/carer, poor attendance or failure to practise. No credits will be given
- *Maestros* reserves the right to change terms and conditions at any time and without notice.

Visit our website at www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk, to view the full version of our terms and conditions; request a copy by contacting us (see below); or send a request by post to the address overleaf enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

HELP WITH FEES*. Financial help may be available to support children from families facing hardship, whether permanent or temporary.*
CHILDREN IN CARE*. Where the child is in the care of the local authority, then the fees are payable by that local authority. Berkshire Maestros requires confirmation from the local authority for invoicing purposes.*

Please contact us by emailing **admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk** or call 0118 9012370**.**
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