

OC Music

“A vision for the future of instrumental tuition”

OC Strings is an exciting new venture which aims to deliver high quality, consistent instrumental tuition.

In respect of Caerleon Comprehensive School, OC Strings proposes that instrumental tuition be provided by Peter James (violin and viola) and Christopher Knott (piano).

Peter and Chris are experienced teachers with many successful years of teaching pupils to play musical instruments and showing them the joy that this can bring. Both Peter and Chris currently teach at the School and have done so since the 1970s. They each have a proven record of reliably providing a high level of tuition with a strong commitment to the School, its pupils and the wider community.

Peter and Chris would welcome the opportunity to strengthen their professional relationship with the School and continue to provide instrumental tuition to its pupils through OC Strings.

OC Strings put forward the proposals below for consideration.

Tuition provision

Peter and Chris will each provide 35 lessons a year to pupils at the School (an increase on the current provision). Violin and viola lessons will be 30 minutes each; piano lessons will be 20 minutes each.

Violin and viola tuition will be offered on an individual and shared (2 pupils) basis. All piano tuition will be individual.

Peter will run a School ensemble (as required by the School) without charge. Chris will provide piano accompaniment for GCSE and A Level students at the School without charge. Both Peter and Chris will offer their services at School concerts without charge.

Cost of tuition provision

The cost of individual violin or viola lessons will be £12.50 per 30 minute lesson. The cost of shared violin or viola lessons will be £9 per pupil per 30 minute lesson.

The cost of piano lessons will be £9 per 20 minute lesson.

By way of example, OC Strings provides the following anticipated costs:

30 minute violin/viola individual lesson (per term): £162.50 (13 weeks), £137.50 (11 weeks) and £137.50 (11 weeks)

30 minute shared violin/viola lesson per pupil (per term): £117 (13 weeks), £99 (11 weeks)

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20 minute piano individual lesson (per term): £117 (13 weeks), £99 (11 weeks) and £99 (11 weeks)

Benefits of engaging OC Strings

There are many benefits to all stakeholders in engaging OC Strings for the provision of instrumental tuition at the School.

The pupils of the School will benefit from continuing provision of tuition from their current teachers, which is of utmost importance. Pupils and their parents will benefit from the provision of professional tuition in a caring and nurturing environment. Pupils, their parents, and the School will all benefit from the vast experience of both Peter and Chris, and the opportunities that they will be able to offer through a continued relationship with the School and its pupils.

Both Peter and Chris are members of the Teaching Council of Wales and a Teaching Union. Both also have DBS clearance.