



Instrumental Music Service



Report Session 2018 – 2019

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1.1 VISION

We believe that our Instrumental Music Service can make a major contribution to fulfilling the Council's Vision.
* Our ambition is to offer the best opportunities for as many people as possible to benefit from our Service.
We will enrich the lives of the citizens of Aberdeenshire through music.

1.2 VALUES

We uphold the Education and Children's Services values of quality, equality, engagement and integrity by our commitment to pupils and parents.

1.3 AIMS

- To enrich the lives of people and to contribute to their personal, social and intellectual development
- To provide opportunities for all to benefit from learning music
- To provide opportunities for pupils and the wider community to experience a broad range of music-making
- To work in partnership with schools, organisations and individuals
- To enable students to develop confidence and self-esteem through the attainment of instrumental and vocal skills

* "Serving Aberdeenshire from mountain to sea – the very best of Scotland"

2 THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE

2.1 CORE SERVICE

The Instrumental Music Service (IMS) operates in all 17 Community School Networks across Aberdeenshire, providing group and individual lessons.

	2018/19	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
Pupils who received tuition	2965	3171	3060	2651
Pupils registered on the IMS waiting list	1527*	1215*	1244	886

*Waiting list data captured in September 2018

In Session 2018/2019 there were 43 instrumental instructors with a full time equivalent (FTE) of 36.74. Instrumental instruction was offered in 9 disciplines:

Discipline	2018/19	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
Woodwind	5.4 FTE	5.4 FTE	5.4 FTE	5.4 FTE
Brass	5.0 FTE	5.4 FTE	5.6 FTE	5.6 FTE
Percussion	2.8 FTE	2.8 FTE	2.9 FTE	2.9 FTE
Piano/Keyboard	4.6 FTE	4.6 FTE	4.3 FTE	4.3 FTE
Guitar	3.0 FTE	3.0 FTE	2.8 FTE	2.8 FTE
Violin/Viola	10.14 FTE	10.94 FTE	12.6 FTE	12.6 FTE
Cello/Double bass	4.2 FTE	4.2 FTE	3.3 FTE	3.3 FTE
Bagpipes*	1 FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Pipe Band Drumming*	0.6 FTE	0.6 FTE	0.6 FTE	0.6 FTE

* Through match funding from the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust a bagpipes instructor and a pipe band drums instructor were introduced to the Banff network in 2016.

2.2 MUSIC CENTRE

Aberdeenshire Council provides a comprehensive music centre service, designed to meet the needs of pupils of all ages, from very young to advanced players. Junior groups meet on Saturday mornings in Stonehaven, Inverurie and Fraserburgh. Senior groups meet on Tuesdays and Fridays after school in Westhill and Mintlaw. Pupils may attend more than one Aberdeenshire Music Centre at no additional cost.

	2018/19	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
Annual membership charge	£70	£68	£65	£64	£63
Number of pupils taking part	481	483	503	453	453

2.3 YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE (YMI)

YMI is now in its 17th Year. The Instrumental Music Service works in partnership with the Arts Development Team to provide a range of musical experiences, including the Kodaly Singing and Musicianship Programme, through Youth Music Initiative funding. The Aberdeenshire YMI has been recognised by Creative Scotland as being one of the most diverse and effective programmes in Scotland. All targets for Year 16 YMI were met. 35,000 pupils received a YMI project in 2018/19. As the primary population in Aberdeenshire is around 22,000 this means that over 50% of schools received more than one YMI project. Creative Scotland (formerly The Scottish Arts Council) administers the funding.

Various programmes are in place to provide instrumental and vocal tuition as well as to meet the initial Youth Music Initiative target, that by 2006 every primary school pupil would have the opportunity to access one year's free music tuition by the time they leave Primary School.

Further information is available at: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/yimi>

3 CHARGING POLICY

3.1 CHARGES

The Council has a policy of charging parents/guardians a moderate annual fee, payable in 4 equal termly instalments. This fee represents a contribution towards the overall cost of tuition. Tuition is offered on an individual or group basis.

	2018/19	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
Individual	£328 [£82 per ten week period]	£316 [£79 per ten week period]	£308 [£77 per ten week period]	£304 [£76 per ten week period]	£300 [£75 per ten week period]
Group	£220 [£55 per ten week period]	£212 [£53 per ten week period]	£208 [£52 per ten week period]	£204 [£51 per ten week period]	£200 [£50 per ten week period]

An annual inflationary increase based on the retail price index excluding mortgages (RPIX) is applied to fees.

3.2 SIBLING DISCOUNTS

A 20% discount is applied to each child when 2 or more siblings are paying for tuition. To receive the discount each sibling must be registered with the same contributor (person responsible for payment).

	2018/19	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
Sibling discounted tuition numbers	542	548	530	476	339

3.3 EXEMPTIONS

Pupils registered for free school meals are exempt from Music Tuition fees.

	2018/19	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
free school meals exempt tuition	140	177	159	112	135

All senior phase (S4 to S6) pupils receiving instruction on an instrument for an SQA course are exempt from charges. SQA courses include Higher Music, Advanced Higher Music, National 4 Music, National 5 Music, and free-standing Music units e.g. 'Performing Music on One Instrument or Voice' coded F3F4.

	2018/18	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
SQA exempt tuition	526	478	402	353	385

4 BUDGET

4.1 REVENUE

Income from tuition fees (financial year)

	2018/19	2017/18	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
Income from tuition fees	£445K	£433K	£436K	£418K	£411K

4.2 FINANCE

The gross total running cost of the IMS for 2018/19 financial year is in the region of £1.7M

4.3 BUDGET

The IMS budget is approximately 0.7% of the Education & Children's Service budget.

5 EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Pupils were entered for a range of external examinations, including Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Trinity College, London College of Music and RockschooL.

5.1 INSTRUMENTAL GRADED EXAMS ATTAINED

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Advanced
2018/19	84	95	83	50	44	7	10	12	
2017/18	155	126	95	67	63	25	13	23	3
2016/17	181	123	112	67	52	26	19	21	-
2015/16	143	105	108	53	64	32	17	14	-

5.2 MUSIC MEDALS ATTAINED

Medal	Copper	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
2018/19	-	-	4	-	-
2017/18	-	3	5	-	-
2016/17	18	15	4	7	2
2015/16	15	25	7	3	-

6 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Instrumental Music Instructors contribute to the musical life of the school through participation in extra-curricular activities.

Extra-curricular activities included:	Events included:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aural• Brass ensemble• Ceilidh Band• Chamber Group• Choir• Concert Band• Guitar Group• Junior Band• Orchestra• Percussion Group• Piano Accompaniment• Pipe Band• Rock Band• String Group• Theory Group• Woodwind Ensemble	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerts• Shows• Prize giving ceremonies• Festivals• Competitions• School ensemble performances• Primary end of term service• Easter service• Edinburgh Tattoo• Activities week• Burns' suppers• Ceilidhs• Pipe band engagements• Solo recitals with pupils• Fiddle Showcase• Weekend concerts

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flute Choir • SQA practical exam extra rehearsals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Arts evening
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7 SCOTTISH CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL (SCBF) ACHIEVEMENTS

Three Aberdeenshire Concert Bands attained awards at the Scottish Concert Band Festival

7.1 GOLD PLUS AWARD: PORTLETHEN ACADEMY CONCERT BAND

Conducted by Sarah Gove, March 2019.

7.2 GOLD AWARD: MACKIE ACADEMY CONCERT BAND

Conducted by Sarah Gove, March 2019

7.3 GOLD AWARD: SOUTH CENTRAL ABERDEENSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE YOUTH BAND

Conducted by Bruce Wallace, March 2019

7.4 SCBF Travelling Scholarship:

Sarah Gove was awarded this scholarship for her outstanding work within Aberdeenshire School Concert Bands over many years. The scholarship awards her an invitation to attend the Mid-West Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago as well as £1000 towards the costs.

<https://www.scottishconcertbandfestival.com/>

8 ABERDEENSHIRE SCHOOLS PIPE BAND (ASPB)

First major championships: The ASPB attended the European championships at Inverness, competing in the novice B section. June 2019

9 ABERDEENSHIRE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

55 young musicians attended the Aberdeenshire Youth Orchestra conducted by Susan Dingle, with rehearsals at Aberdeen University Hillhead Campus. The course concluded with a concert at Stonehaven Academy on 23rd June. The Aberdeenshire Saxophone Orchestra also performed at the concert and performed a new commission by Joe Stollery entitled "Stramash". The Orchestra also performed a new work by John De Simone entitled "The Tour"

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ayo

Participant numbers have been decreasing over the years. A review of the future of AYO will begin in October.

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