

Enrolment Information for CCSM

Frequently asked Questions

How many lessons in the CCSM school year?

CCSM tuition programmes operate from September to May and in accordance with the standard school year.

What types of lessons are available?

Tuition programmes in CCSM take place in individual or group formats

Individual lessons for beginners/intermediate students are 30 minutes in duration and may increase to 45 minute or more per week according to student progress etc.,.

Group classes consist of students of similar musical experience/age

IMPORTANT – Please note that Parents/Guardians and students are committing to daily practice as well as satisfactory attendance at CCSM lessons/Let’s Play Together Programme etc.

What are the recommended ages to take up an instrument?

The Recommended age profiles for beginners are:

(6-9 for Strings and Piano)

(6-9 for Recorder)

(6-9 for Traditional Music)

(9-11 for Brass and Woodwind)

(12-13 for Saxophone)

What happens when I am offered a place?

CCSM will offer you a place on a certain time/ teacher/duration. Places are offered according to teacher availability etc.

IMPORTANT. We regret that we are unable to accommodate requests for alternative days/ times etc.

What happens if I am unable to take up an offer of a place?

Your application remains on the system until another offer of a place becomes available.

Please note that there are a large number of applications already received for certain instruments and centres. It may be a considerable period again before any offer becomes available.

What are the fees?

CCSM operates an online registration fee.

For 2013/14 the Fee for an individual 30 minute instrumental lesson is 300 euro per school year. Fees are payable in two equal instalments (Second instalment is due in January of each calendar year)

What opportunities do students have to play music?

CCSM operates a "Let's Play Together" Programme consisting of regular school performances and participation in a range of CCSM ensembles, bands, orchestras etc.

IMPORTANT: Parents/Guardians should note that an offer of a place is conditional on participation in our "Let's Play Together" Programme

Do I have to purchase an instrument?

CCSM recommends that each student has satisfactory access to a suitable instrument for daily practice etc. Unsatisfactory progress occurs when student does not have regular access to their chosen instrument. Please see the link Instrumental Price Range for additional details.

What is the CCSM Music Makers Programme?

CCSM operates a complimentary musicianship programmes **Musicmakers** ALONGSIDE the instrumental tuition programmes in the CCSM Centres in Glanmire, Ballincollig and Macroom

IMPORTANT: Acceptance of an instrumental place at CCSM is conditional on attendance at an appropriate MusicMakers class (One per week- 30-45 minutes per week). Failure to do will result in a loss of place at CCSM. Please see www.ccsm.ie for additional information on this programme.

There is no additional fee for the **MusicMakers** Programme.

What else does a student need?

All CCSM students use a CCSM Student or Group Handbook. These will be available to purchase from the CCSM Teaching Staff.

What styles of Music do students experience at CCSM?

CCSM operates tuition programmes which focus predominately on Classical and Irish Traditional Musics. Popular and Jazz music is also included. Please note that CCSM offers tuition in the CLASSICAL GUITAR. Please refer to the Link – Information on Instruments for additional details.

Can I change my mind about the instrument/centre on my application?

You will need to submit a new online application to CCSM.

When can I find out more about The County Cork School of Music?

Please refer to the home page of the CCSM website for access to additional regarding tuition and activities at CCSM