

Cornwall Music Education Hub – Minority Instrument Bursary Scheme

The CMEH recognises that a range of musical instruments are needed to make up an orchestra but some instruments, known as 'Minority Instruments' or 'Endangered Species' are not as popular. As a result, it is often not possible for students to learn these particular instruments in a group lesson and individual lessons, which are more expensive, are the only option.

In order to encourage take-up of these instruments and to make them more accessible, the CMEH is offering a bursary programme for Minority Instruments. The bursary contributes towards the difference in fees between a group lesson and an individual lesson and is open to any young person who is currently learning or wishes to take up a Minority Instrument. There are 80 bursaries in total available for the academic year 2016/17 (for up to 34 lessons over the year). The Minority Instrument bursary only applies to the instruments listed below.

In order to qualify for the bursary, the lessons must be delivered by a provider listed as a 'Registered Provider' on the CMEH website -

<http://cornwallmusiceducationhub.org/musical-learning-tuition/subsidised-lessons>.

Applicants must be a student at a LA maintained (or former LA maintained Academy) in Cornwall.

Bursary rates

There are two different levels of bursary that apply, depending on the instrument being learnt.

Instruments	Amount of bursary per lesson	Number of bursaries available
Bassoon, Double Bass, French Horn, Tuba	£8.00	20
Cello, Euphonium, Oboe, Orchestral Tuned Percussion, Viola,	£5.00	60

To apply for a Minority Instrument bursary, please complete the bursary application form. Applications should be received by the CMEH office by 19th September 2016. If the number of applications exceeds the number of bursaries available, the CMEH reserves the right to prioritise schools where only one pupil is learning a particular instrument as schools with multiple students may be able to learn together.

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The bursaries will apply for the full academic year. However, in the event of Arts Council England withdrawing its funding for music hubs in the new financial year the programme may be reviewed.