

YMH Bursary Awards 2025/26

The way York Music Hub bursaries are awarded is changing. This is to allow us to keep up with demand and ensure we can continue to support as many children and young people across York as possible with subsidised instrumental tuition. YMH will continue to honour legacy bursary commitments and the below terms will apply to new bursary awards only.

General Information & Terms and Conditions of Bursary Funding

- Bursaries are available for children who are looked after, pupil premium, receiving free school meals or any combination of the three. All pupils that receive a bursary must be learning with a YMH [Approved Tutor](#) and be resident or attending school in York.
- A 30% discount on tutor fees is available for those receiving working tax credit, please upload evidence of this via the application form
- To maximise the reach of available funding the following rules will be applicable for new bursaries awarded from September 2025:
 - Pre-grade 1: Lessons **should** be in a small group format where possible
 - Grade 1 - 3: Students will be awarded 20 minute group lessons or in exceptional cases where this is not possible, 20 minute individual lessons
 - Grade 3 + : including all GCSE & A-level students, should be taught individually

Limits of Funding:

All new bursary awards will be for 20 minute lessons and 30 lessons a year. This can be supplemented with funding from elsewhere (parent or school).

- Group lessons of 20 minutes + with 3 students in a group - **£405 per year** (£4.50 per head/lesson)
- Group lessons of 20 minutes + with 2 students in a group - **£345 per year** (£5.75 per head/lesson)
- Individual 20 minute lessons **£315** (£10.50 per lesson)

Terms of Funding:

- It is expected that most lessons will be weekly, and no more than 10 lessons will be claimed for by the tutor in any given term. ***All bursaries are based on 30 lessons each academic year***
- Exam Fees: A further sum may be claimed to contribute towards the cost of public examinations (e.g. ABRSM, Trinity, Rockschoo). This is limited to one exam every other year per pupil. Please enquire with the hub before entering pupils for their examinations as this funding is limited.
- Bursary pupils are also entitled to hire an instrument free of charge (except drums and electrical instruments such as keyboards and electric guitars). Please make the need for instrument hire clear on the application form.
- Bursaries are only for tuition and examination costs. Other costs such as music and 'disposables' (e.g. reeds, strings, valve oil etc.) must be met by the parent/carer/school.
- Only Approved Tutors or schools may apply for the tuition bursary on behalf of their pupil(s).

- Only one bursary can be awarded per pupil.
- *If there are no tuition bursaries available the pupil will be added to a waiting list and the tutor contacted when funding becomes available.*

Further Information:

- Bursaries run from September to July and will be reviewed annually.
- Bursaries cannot be allocated retrospectively – i.e. tutors cannot claim for any lessons given before the bursary date of approval.
- Bursary fees will be paid directly to the tutor on receipt of an invoice.
- Tutors must provide a brief report (1-2 sentences) detailing progress at the end of each year or on request by YMH.
- Tutors must provide data relating to their pupils when requested by YMH to assist with the annual return to ACE

How To Claim

- Claims should be sent to payments@yorkmusic hub.org.uk either termly or half termly.
- Each pupil should be listed separately on the invoice, along with the number and duration of lessons given in the period.
- Whenever an invoice is submitted, the tutor must confirm which pupils are continuing or not.
- Approved Tutors must notify York Music Hub immediately if a pupil discontinues lessons. Bursaries are only paid until a pupil stops lessons and not until the end of that term.
- **If a pupil fails to attend more than 2 lessons in any term (without good reason), the Approved Tutor must determine if that pupil wishes to discontinue and should inform York Music Hub accordingly. York Music Hub will not reimburse an Approved Tutor for more than 2 missed lessons per term.**

Terms updated July 2025