

# LEYTHAM VOICE STUDIO

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## WHERE DOES MY TUITION GO?

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All independent music teachers differ in methods of operation. However, the tuition of nearly all teachers covers the following:

1. **Time spent with the student:** Lessons, studio classes, performances, competitions.
2. **Time spent in preparation for the student:** Trips to the music store, lesson planning, bookkeeping, development of curriculum, etc. It has been cited by professional music journals that for every hour enrolled in private lessons, you are investing in at least 2 hours of the teachers time!
3. **Recital costs and preparations:** Programs, refreshments, facility rental, accompanist.
4. **Professional organization memberships:** Memberships are maintained by the teacher to enhance their teaching skills and provide the student with opportunities for festivals, competitions, and performance events.
5. **Professional journals:** Publications to assist the teacher in keeping current on new teaching materials and trends.
6. **Studio expenses:** Lease, copying, computer software, incentive programs, piano tunings, repairs, newsletters.
7. **Sheet music:** Materials purchased by the teacher to keep costs low for students.
8. **Property taxes, self-employment taxes, insurance, business licenses, retirement:** The independent music teacher has no corporation to assist in providing health and life insurance by matching funds. Tuition helps cover the increased living costs of your self-employed teacher.
9. **Education:** Training, conferences, lessons, and classes that keep the teacher current on methods and techniques.