



The **flute** is the highest pitched instrument in the beginning band. The flute is made of silver and is played by blowing across an opening in one end while the fingers press keys to change notes. With its clear, penetrating sound, the flute often plays the melody in the band.

Flute player personality traits:

"contentious", "detailed" and "consistent"

Flute player physical characteristics: agile fingers, natural "frown" shape to the upper lip, even upper and lower jaw.



The **oboe** is similar in appearance to a clarinet, but it is played using a double reed instead of a single reed to produce its brilliant and distinct sound. Soloistic and melodious, the oboe is a special part of the band. The oboe is a special instrument, and only a select few students will be chosen for oboe.

Oboe player personality traits:

"studious", "dependable" and "diligent"

Oboe player physical characteristics: even upper and lower jaws - no over or under bites, agile fingers, solid coordination.



The **bassoon**, like the oboe, is a double reed instrument. It is the lowest sounding member of the woodwind family with its dignified and majestic sound. The bassoon is one of the most specialized instruments in the band, and like the oboe, only a few select students will be chosen for the bassoon. Universities and colleges seek out bassoonists who often receive substantial scholarships.

Bassoon player personality traits:

"serious", "aspirational"

Bassoon player physical characteristics: slight overbite, agile thumbs, medium or greater hand span, coordination.