



Supporting information-Director of Music

Staffing

In addition to the Director of Music, who will have a school-wide brief across the Junior and Senior Schools, there are three full time/part time teachers in the Junior/Senior School. In addition there are 16 self-employed visiting music teachers and a part-time Administrator. All visiting music staff play as full a part in the school as their commitments allow.

Facilities

The Music Department is housed in a stunning purpose-built facility. This includes a performance auditorium seating 240, nine teaching and rehearsal rooms, two classrooms, including a MAC based teaching room as well as a separate recording studio. There are two further offices/teaching rooms for staff.

Activities and Concerts

In the Senior School the following rehearse weekly:

The Choristers, the Chamber Choir, the Barbershop, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Swing Band. We also encourage younger instrumentalists to join the lower school/junior orchestra and second swing band SB2.

The Junior School has an orchestra, choirs and various chamber ensembles.

A Choral Society of parents, friends and staff rehearses weekly throughout the term and supports the musical life of the School.

The Music department holds a wide range of ensemble performances and concerts each year and pupils regularly join with professional musicians to perform. There is a regular programme of termly concerts in school and performances have also been given at venues such as St Michael's, West Croydon, Fairfield Halls, Hilton Hotel, Croydon and St John's Church, Shirley. The various choirs sing full Choral Evensong or Mass settings on some Sunday evenings in the School Chapel service.

There is an opportunity for strong collaboration with the Drama department who are situated within the same building.

Pupils are regularly invited to attend the National Youth Orchestra, National Youth Choir and National Children's Orchestra. Most years see pupils audition for choral awards at Oxbridge Colleges.

Successes

Recently students gained:

- 100% pass rate at A level with 100% A*/B
- 100% pass rate at GCSE with 43% 9-7

Pupils take examinations with Associated Board, Trinity Guildhall and Guildford School of Acting and have maintained a 100% pass rate over the last 20 years.

3 pupils have taken up places at conservatoires in the last three years.