

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In a time when many schools are marginalising the arts, Wellington School regards Music and the arts in general as integral to a broad and balanced curriculum. The governors and senior leaders fully support music and as a result it is a thriving and integral part of the school, enjoyed by all pupils in Years 7 to 9 and as an option subject through to GCSE and 'A' Level.

Activities in the department centre around two large music rooms equipped with 15 multi-track recording keyboards and a Yamaha Clavinova. The main teaching room is also equipped with 15 PCs running Sibelius and Cubase. A full range of resources is available including song books for all years, tuned and untuned percussion, digital recording equipment, 4-track mixer and DJing equipment. Adjoining the main music room is a suite of practice rooms which give the pupils a wide range of musical opportunities. The main practice room consists of a clavinova and serves as the main teaching room for our team of peripatetic staff. It also houses a Sixth Form Music Private Study area. To the back of the main teaching room there are three additional rooms, a drum room, and two additional practice rooms.

Currently, a large number of pupils enhance their music with lessons from a visiting peripatetic team of teachers. Opportunities are offered in violin, cello, piano, flute, drums, electric / acoustic and bass guitar, clarinet, saxophone, oboe and voice. For an even larger number of pupil's extra-curricular music is available at different points in the year in the form of a School Band, Keyboard Club, Music Surgery, Music Tech Club, Wellington Rock Band Club, GCSE and A Level coursework sessions and two choirs. These rehearse on a regular basis at lunchtime and after school and are often the focus of school performances, including a Carol Service and various other performances throughout the school year. In October 2016, the department produced a revue of songs from West End shows titled 'What's in a Musical?' in conjunction with the Art and English departments. This follows successful productions of 'Oliver', 'The Wizard of Oz', 'Grease' and 'Bugsy Malone'.

The Governors seek to appoint an excellent classroom practitioner with the energy, drive and enthusiasm to continue to build upon and develop standards of achievement within Music. The successful applicant will be expected to make a significant contribution to extra-curricular music and performing arts, as well as contributing to classroom success.