



LOUGHBOROUGH
Schools Music

SILENCE

Welcome





We hit the right notes

Over 2,000 musicians share this wonderful building, creating real energy and vibrancy, where musical passions are shared by colleagues and pupils alike. This is an inclusive and nurturing environment where every musician can truly express themselves.

Thanks to our scale and ambition, we benefit from an amazing team of teachers who share their expertise with our young musicians. They ignite a passion for music in our pupils, inspiring them to harness the hard work and dedication required to be the best musician possible.

The sheer number of opportunities to play and perform here is equally remarkable: from choral to big band, chamber and orchestral, your child will be centre-stage. It is all part of an unrivalled offer that reflects our status as the only 'All-Steinway School' in the Midlands.

On a personal note, my enviable role involves teaching the subject I love at a high level with my fellow musicians. It is a daily reminder of just how much music means: a visceral and primal experience that can also be transcendental; and a physical expression of human mood which is incredibly powerful and precious.

I would love you to come and experience the creative buzz of our unique department for yourselves.

Richard West, Director of Music







Loughborough Schools Foundation Singers and Symphony Orchestra perform Festivo!

Featuring Elgar's Cello Concerto and Vaughan Williams' 'Mystical Songs', as well as Parry's 'I was glad', and works by Brahms and Stanford, the Spring Concert, was a spectacular celebration of the extraordinary music that our community of musicians produces.





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In September 2015, we took delivery of 23 new pianos designed by Steinway & Sons and gained 'All-Steinway School' status. We are now one of only 13 independent schools in the UK and 175 institutions worldwide, to hold this prestigious status.

Since then, we have added two more Steinway grand pianos to our fleet of teaching and performing instruments. It means that your child will have access to the finest pianos available which now includes six Steinway grand pianos, and for outstanding pianists, there is the opportunity to play at Steinway Hall in London and participate in masterclasses at School.



We put Music on the curriculum





Pre-Prep through to Sixth Form

By inspiring and encouraging all Loughborough Schools Foundation pupils throughout their school years, from Pre-Prep through to Sixth Form, Music constantly remains a curriculum option for every pupil. From GCSE upwards, we give pupils the opportunity to focus on either Music or Music Technology, and our state-of-the-art facilities ensure they have access to first rate resources whichever they choose.

We aim to provide musical opportunities to all pupils whatever their standard, from beginner to post-Grade 8. It's a key part of a well-rounded education.





We help children
discover 'their'
instrument





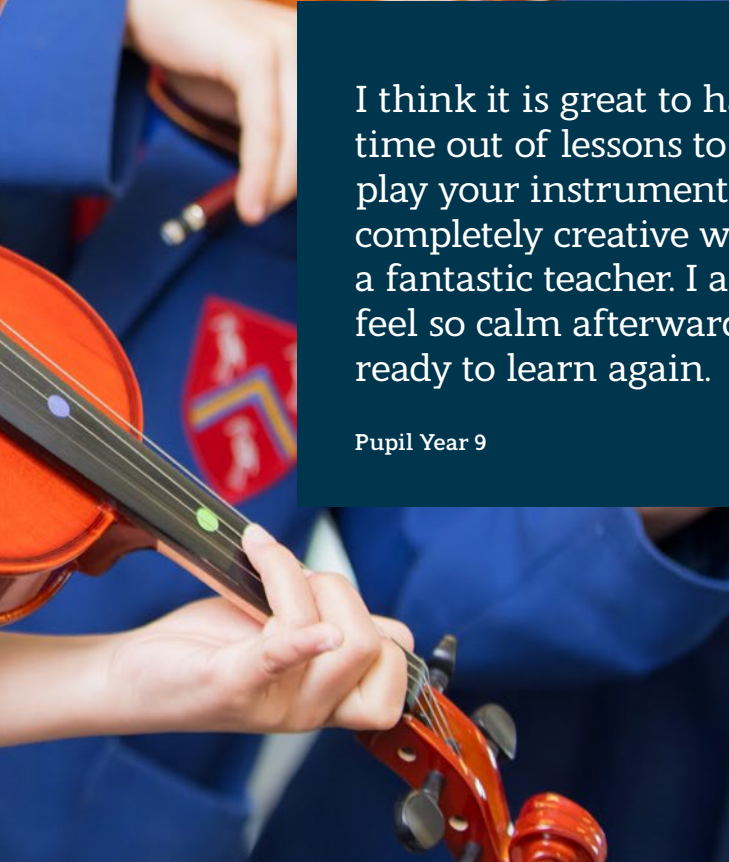
Learning to play a musical instrument is a valuable skill which can develop into a lifelong passion. We are particularly keen that every pupil has the opportunity, and makes the right choice of instrument to suit their capabilities and preferences.

We make this happen by ensuring that every child in Year 2 learns a string instrument (through our Colourstrings programme), offering one-to-one trial lessons, and having trial periods during the Summer term when pupils can sample all types of different instruments.



I think it is great to have time out of lessons to go and play your instrument in a completely creative way with a fantastic teacher. I always feel so calm afterwards and ready to learn again.

Pupil Year 9





We believe in the
joy of music





I really like the opportunities that are available in the Music department; I've been part of a choir for 3 years.

Pupil Year 10

Throughout the school day, you can hear all manner of music filling our corridors.

This is a place of exceptional individual and collaborative musical efforts where everyone is invited to contribute: there are 100+ annual performance opportunities, 50+ ensembles, 10+ choirs and 7 orchestras.

Let's not forget all our senior lunchtime recitals, junior teatime recitals, assemblies and house music competitions.





We are in harmony
with the wider
community





Supporting local events

We support many local events by providing choirs and musicians with attendant staff often during evenings and weekends. These contributions have become an established part of community events, including the annual opening of Loughborough Fair, Remembrance Day and Christmas Carols.

In addition, The Loughborough Singers (comprising current and former staff, parents, pupils and alumni) deliver public appearances. We've also worked to help vulnerable local people affected by homelessness by establishing a choir in association with a local support centre.





We offer generous
scholarships





Our Music Scholarships are available at Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form by audition in January to exceptional practical musicians, whether they are instrumentalists or vocalists.

They comprise free individual music tuition on principal and second study, individually tailored support with performance practice, music theory and aural skills, unrivalled ensemble experience, and full access to our unique Enhanced Music Programme.

Of course, competition for these strictly limited scholarships is fierce. Scholars must be enthusiastic, dedicated musicians with a passion for the subject as well as technical skill.



We have fabulous facilities



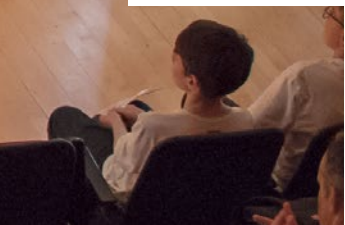


Award-winning Music Building

Opened in 2006, our purpose-built Music building includes performance space, classrooms and over 20 spacious instrumental teaching rooms.

At the core of this impressive building is the Recital Hall featuring excellent, adaptable acoustics, contemporary recording facilities and 130-capacity seating. Situated on the ground floor of our 3-storey building, this light and airy space is the heart and soul of School music.

Every musician has access to high calibre instruments on which to learn, practise and perform. From keyboards to strings, wind, brass and percussion, we offer a wide range of instrumental lessons as well as lessons in all styles of singing.









We have introduced an exciting initiative

The sessions provide fresh perspectives on music from leading lights of the music industry and continue to broaden the range of musical experiences available to members of our community.

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Enhanced Music Programme

Our Enhanced Music Programme provides a regular programme of events for enthusiastic and committed musicians. The programme involves visiting experts sharing their experiences through masterclasses, lectures, seminars and concerts. The aim is to support all of our musicians, whatever their current standard, to become the best they can be.

Taking place mainly on Fridays after school, the sessions are open to pupils and their parents. The programme further enhances our musical offering to members of the whole Loughborough Schools Foundation community.





We are helping
keep music alive



Endangered Species of Instruments Programme

Trombone, French horn, oboe, bassoon, double bass... these instruments are in serious danger of becoming extinct. Our Endangered Species Instrument Programme is designed to encourage take-up of these lesser known instruments to help preserve and celebrate their unique sounds. It also goes some way to ensuring that our instrumental ensembles will remain musically balanced in future years.

The Endangered Species Instrument Programme is a two-year scheme that provides one term's free instrumental tuition, followed by five terms of tuition at half the standard rate. Although we can only offer a limited number of these awards each year, we are proud to help sustain a diverse musical heritage.





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