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Welcome



We hit the right notes

At the heart of the Loughborough Schools Foundation lies the award-winning and state-of-the-art All-Steinway Music Department.

The Loughborough Schools Music Department is an exciting and inspiring place to be. Over 2000 musicians share the space, over 50 ensembles and choirs rehearse every week, and well over 100 concerts are performed annually. There is a real energy and vibrancy to be found here, alongside a genuine passion for music.

The Music Department is an inclusive and nurturing environment, where we encourage every musician to follow their own path. We have a huge and diverse team of outstanding instrumental and academic teachers who are equipped to support and guide at every level, from the very youngest of our beginners right through to the most advanced of our music scholars. We support and enable all our musicians; from those who are pursuing music for enjoyment to those who wish to follow a career in music.

The sheer number of opportunities to play and perform here is remarkable; incorporating choral, jazz, wind band, chamber and orchestral music, and much more besides. It is all part of an unrivalled offer that reflects our status as the only 'All-Steinway' school in the Midlands.

You may already play an instrument or sing, or be thinking about taking up an instrument. You might feel that your role is in creating music as a composer or that you would love to learn more about music technology. Do you love to debate how music works

and what makes it affect you so much? Whatever your area of interest, ability or experience there is something here for you. All that we ask is that you are open to new ideas and allow us to guide you on your own personal musical journey through the Loughborough Schools Foundation.



Nicky Bouckley, 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 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.





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.

Richard West, Director of Music

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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