



LOUGHBOROUGH
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Welcome



We hit the right notes

Loughborough Schools Music, the award-winning and state-of-the-art 'All-Steinway School' Music department, lies at the heart of the Foundation campus.

Loughborough Schools Music 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.

Your child may already play an instrument, sing or be thinking about taking up an instrument. They might feel that their role is in creating music as a composer or that they would love to learn more about music technology. Do they love to debate how music works and what makes it affect them so much? Whatever their area of interest, ability or experience there is something here for them. All that we ask is that they are open to new ideas and allow us to guide them on their own personal musical journey through the Loughborough Schools Foundation.



Nicky Bouckley, Director of Music



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This building has been named after Philip Tomkinson, a former member of the Board of Governors, who served from 1995 until 2007.

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'All-Steinway

School'

'All-Steinway School' status

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 20 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

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Academic

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. At Prep level, Music is taught through the Kodály approach; children learn about musical skills and concept through singing, games and rhymes. This is the best way to learn as it is engaging, memorable and fun. In Key Stage 3 we focus on teaching a creative curriculum which develops skills and understanding in both Music and Music Technology. 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.



journey





from Classical

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 through various different schemes. In Year 2 every child learns a string instrument through our Colourstrings programme. In Year 4 (and Grammar School Y6) every child learns a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. For Year 7s we offer a beginner's scheme comprising reduced price group lessons and free instrument hire. Throughout the year we can offer one off one-to-one trial lessons, and during the Summer term pupils can sign up for a set of 10 lessons with no ongoing financial commitment on any instrument on the Summer Taster Scheme.

We offer individual music lessons on piano, organ, all orchestral and band instruments, tabla, harmonium and in Music Technology. There is definitely something for every pupil.





to classic rock





We believe in the joy of music

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 more than 50 ensembles, choirs and orchestras rehearsing each week for well over 120 performance opportunities annually, including our major concerts, lunchtime recitals, assemblies and music competitions.





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Coronation Anthems
G.F. Handel

Year 7 Vocal Part

enjoyment





Supporting local events

We support a number of local events by taking choirs and musicians to perform. These contributions have become an established part of community events, including the annual opening of Loughborough Fair, Remembrance Day and the Christmas Lights Switch-on. We also support local concerts; Tasting Notes at Loughborough Parish Church, the Rainbows' Christmas Concert, the Emmanuel Church lunchtime concerts and so on. The Loughborough Singers (comprising current and former staff, parents, pupils and alumni) also deliver regular public appearances. In short, our place in the community is important and assured.





community





We offer supportive scholarships

Our Music Scholarships are available at Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form by audition in January to musicians showing exceptional promise, commitment, and ambition on one or more instruments or voice.

As a Music Scholar pupils would have unrivalled support via a personal mentor and have full access to our Enhanced Music Programme; a series of workshops and talks designed to help them to take their music making to the next level. Scholars would also work with external specialists and have Alexander Technique lessons alongside a myriad of performing opportunities.

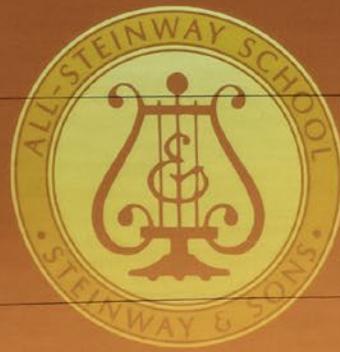


opportunity



Every other year we appoint an exceptional Sixth Form musician to our prestigious Harry Humber Music Scholarship, an up to 100% funded music scholarship in conjunction with the Worshipful Company of Plaisterer's. For more information on how to audition for this scholarship please visit our website.

A Music Scholarship is the ideal way to ensure that you are at the centre of music making in the Foundation, with bespoke support to help you along your own musical journey.



Award-winning Music building

Opened in 2006, our purpose-built Music building includes performance spaces, classrooms, and over 20 spacious instrumental teaching rooms. With the help of a recent donation we have just added a second state-of-the-art recording studio to the top floor to enable even more pupils to be able to access Music Technology to the highest level.

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 three-storey building, this light and airy space is the heart and soul of 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 are breaking into new areas

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performance





to production

Music Technology

Music Technology is probably the fastest growing area in music education. Covid lockdowns encouraged people from all backgrounds to turn their spare room into a music studio, and here at Loughborough Schools Music we have done exactly the same. From September 2023 we will not only have our original recording studio, which contains state-of-the-art equipment enabling us to record to professional standards, but three computer labs running both notation software and a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation) and a second much larger bespoke recording studio including a fully-equipped live room on the top floor.









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