



Fairfield
Prep School



Loughborough
Grammar School



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High School



Co-Curricular Music Activities

2026 – 2027

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All pupils of the Loughborough Schools are very welcome to join a music ensemble, whether or not they take individual tuition here. There is a huge range of groups, as you can see, ensuring that every musician can have the opportunity to engage in musical performance of an appropriate standard. Committing to an ensemble involves attending regular rehearsals and performances, and our calendar of music events runs right through to July so that you can know about planned performance dates well in advance!

Any musician who is not able to attend a rehearsal because of a clash of commitments should let the ensemble leader know as soon as possible and preferably well in advance.

Performance Opportunities

As well as the evening (ensemble based) concerts, there are regular opportunities for soloists to perform. There are lunchtime concerts most Fridays (SoundBites for Prep pupils and Lunchtime Live for Seniors), and Avanti performance workshops every term helping pupils to prepare effectively for music exams. Family and friends are warmly invited to come along and support all concerts.

Enhanced Music Programme

Our aim here is to support the musical development of every member of the Loughborough Schools community. Our regular programme of Friday afternoon workshops, masterclasses and lectures is open to all; if there is something that tickles your fancy, then do come along. It is your Music School and I very much hope that you will come along and get involved as much as you can. You will be most welcome.

Nicky Bouckley

Director of Music

SINGING AND CHOIRS

Head of Faculty: Mr David Morris, d.morris@lsf.org

The Singing and Choirs Faculty offers many opportunities for our singers from intimate evensongs to our massed choir of several hundred singers who perform at the De Montfort Hall Spring Concert in Leicester every year. Everyone can sing, and we welcome singers of all ages; currently we work with singers aged 5 to 98!

FFD Pre Prep Choir - Monday, 12:50-13:20

Location: FFD

Conductor: Mrs Bancroft / Mr Morris

Standard: Y1-2

LSF Chamber Choir - Monday, 16:15-17:15

Location: Music School

Conductor: Ms Bouckley / Mr Morris

Standard: By invitation/auditioned Y10+

LSF Junior Chamber Choir - Monday, 16:15-17:15

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Price

Standard: By invitation/auditioned Y5-9

Loughborough Singers - Monday, 19:00-20:00

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Morris

Standard: Open, adults

FFD Junior Prep Choir - Tuesday, 12:45-13:15

Location: FFD

Conductor: Mr Groom

Standard: Y3-4

FFD Senior Prep Choir - Thursday, 08:00-08:40 & Thursday, 15:40-16:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Groom

Standard: Y5-6

STRINGS AND ORCHESTRAS

Head of Faculty: Mrs Kate Burns, k.burns@lsf.org

The Strings and Orchestras Faculty looks after all of our bowed string players, harpists, guitarists and the Year 2 and Year 3 String Schemes. It also runs all the orchestras including the Symphony and Concert Orchestra which include wind, brass and percussion players. There are ensembles for every age and stage, and a wealth of performance opportunities with collaboration across the faculties. Details of our string quartets can be found in the Keyboard and Chamber Music section of this booklet.

Prep Bass Ensemble - Monday, 12:15-12:45

Location: Music School

Coach: Ms Osman

Standard: Y3-6 (minimum 2 terms of tuition and basic knowledge of the instrument required)

Concert Orchestra - Monday, 13:35-14:15

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Burns / Mrs Watson

Standard: Y7-13 (Strings Open, Wind approx. Grade 4+)

Harp Ensemble - Monday, 13:40-14:25

Location: Music School

Conductor: Miss Vermeulen

Standard: By invitation

Young Strings - Tuesday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Burns

Standard: Y4

Year 3 Violins - Wednesday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Burns / Mrs Geary

Standard: Y3

Year 3 Cellos - Thursday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Coach: Miss Ley

Standard: Y3

Senior Guitar Ensemble - Thursday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Ms Richardson

Standard: Y7-13

String Ensemble - Thursday, 13:35-14:15

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Burns

Standard: Grades 6+ by invitation

Prep Orchestra - Thursday, 15:40-16:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Woodhead

Standard: Y5-6

Symphony Orchestra - Thursday, 16:15-17:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Ms Bouckley / Mrs Burns

Standard: Strings Grade 5+, Wind/Percussion by invitation

Year 3 Guitar Club - Friday, 12:15-12:45 (Spring & Summer term only)

Location: Music School

Coach: Ms Richardson

Standard: Y3

Jamfest (for electric guitars) - Friday, 13:45-14:15

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Boyd

Standard: Open

WIND, BRASS AND PERCUSSION

Head of Faculty: Mr Aidan Geary, a.geary@lsf.org

From flutes to bassoons, French horn to tuba and everything percussive, the Wind, Brass and Percussion Faculty covers so many instruments. We have instrument specific ensembles at both Prep and Senior levels as well as our bigger groups: Prep Wind Band, leading through to the flagships of Big Band and Symphonic Wind Band.

Recorder Ensemble - Monday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Groom

Standard: Y4-6

Prep Wind Band - Monday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Watson

Standard: Y3-6 (minimum 2 terms of tuition and basic knowledge of the instrument required)

Big Band - Monday, 08:15-09:10

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Geary / Mr Price

Standard: By invitation

Clarinet Choir - Monday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Watson

Standard: Y7-13 (Grade 2+)

Prep Reeds - Tuesday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Watson

Standard: Y3-6 (minimum 2 terms of tuition and basic knowledge of the instrument required)

Prep Percs - Tuesday, 12:45-13:15

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Geary

Standard: Y3-6 (minimum 2 terms of tuition and basic knowledge of the instrument required)

Wind Quintet - Tuesday, 13:15-13:45

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Geary

Standard: By invitation

Percs 2 - Tuesday, 13:30-14:15

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr O'Riordan

Standard: Y7-13 (Grade 1+)

Symphonic Wind Band - Tuesday, 16:15-17:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Geary / Mrs Watson

Standard: By invitation

Ocarina Warriors - Wednesday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Groom

Standard: Y2

Prep Flutes - Wednesday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Ms McIlwaine

Standard: Y3-6 (minimum 2 terms of tuition and basic knowledge of the instrument required)

Percs 1 - Wednesday, 08:15-09:00

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Geary

Standard: By invitation

Saxophone Choir - Wednesday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Watson

Standard: Y7-13 (minimum 2 terms of tuition and basic knowledge of the instrument required)

Flute Choir - Wednesday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Preston

Standard: Y7-13

Brass Ensemble - Wednesday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Rutter

Standard: Y7-13

Rhythmix - Wednesday, 12:15-12:45

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Newnham

Standard: Y3-6

Concert Band - Thursday, 08:15-09:00

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Geary

Standard: Y7-13

Flute Ensemble - Thursday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mrs Preston

Standard: Y7-13 (Grade 6+)

Prep Brass - Thursday, 12:45-13:15

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Groom

Standard: Y3-6 (minimum 2 terms of tuition and basic knowledge of the instrument required)

Jazz Band - Thursday, 13:15-13:45

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Abba

Standard: Y7-13 (Grade 2+)

Fairfield Assembly Band - Friday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Conductor: Mr Groom

Standard: By invitation

Senior Tabla Club - Friday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Singh

Standard: Y7-13

Prep Tabla Club - Friday, 12.15-12.45

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Singh

Standard: Y3-6

KEYBOARD AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Head of Faculty: Mrs Melanie Reinhard, m.reinhard@lsf.org

Our Chamber Music programme includes a number of string quartets, piano trios and other small groups of instrumentalists which are put together on an invitation only basis. The Piano Duet club on Wednesdays after school is open to senior school pianists who are at Grade 4 standard and above; places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Y1 Little Fingers - Tuesday, 08:00-08:30 and Wednesday, 12:45-13:15

(Spring & Summer term only)

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Stevens / Mrs Edirisinghe

Standard: By invitation. This ensemble carries an additional cost.

Trio Presto - Tuesday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Ms Reinhard / Mr Smith

Standard: By invitation

Briggs Quartet - Tuesday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Ms Reinhard / Mr Smith

Standard: By invitation

Lima Quartet - Tuesday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Geary

Standard: By invitation

Con Fuoco - Tuesday, 08:30-09:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Geary

Standard: By invitation

Trio Rhapsody - Tuesday, 13:15-13:45

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Prisada

Standard: By invitation

Y2 Little Fingers - Wednesday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Stevens / Mrs Edirisinghe

Standard: By invitation. This ensemble carries an additional cost.

Piano Duet Club - Wednesday, 16:15-17:00

Location: Music School

Coach: Ms Reinhard / Mr Prisada

Standard: By invitation (Grade 4+)

Lacey Quartet - Friday, 08:30-09:10

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Burns

Standard: By invitation

Year 7 Quartet - Friday, 08:30-09:10

Location: Music School

Coach: Mrs Burns

Standard: By invitation

MUSICIANSHIP

It is a huge advantage for musicians to be versatile creators and collaborators. The following clubs and sessions provide students with an opportunity to develop key skills that will enhance their all-round musicianship.

Advanced Musicianship - Tuesday, 08:00-08:30

Location: Music School

Coach: Miss Burgess

Standard: Y5-6

Healthy Posture and Movement - Tuesday, 13:30-14:15

Location: Music School

Coach: Ms Milarová

Standard: Music Scholars only

Music Tech Club - Tuesday, 13:15-14:15

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Connolley

Standard: Y8-9

Prep Music Tech Club - Tuesday, 15:40-16:45

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Groom

Standard: Y5-6

Composing Club - Wednesday, 13:15-14:15

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Price / Mr Abba

Standard: Y7-13

DJing Club - Thursday, 13:45-14:15

Location: Music School

Coach: Mr Price / Mr Connolley

Standard: Y7-13

Music Theory - Thursday, 13:45-14:15

Location: Music School

Coach: Miss Burgess

Standard: Y7-13



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For further information, please contact Music Reception

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