Fairfield Prep School

Loughborough Grammar School

Loughborough 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, 10:30-11:00
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)

Wind Quartet - Monday, 08:00-08:30
Location: Music School
Conductor: Mr Geary
Standard: By invitation

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)

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

Wind Quintet - Wednesday, 13:15-13:45
Location: Music School
Conductor: Mr Geary
Standard: By invitation

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, 13:30-14:15
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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