St Alban’s RC High School Music Department

Head of Music: Paul Cook
Music Teacher: David Langley

Disney Choir (Year 7 and 8) performing at the Videopolis Arena at Disneyland Paris (July 2018)

The Music Department

The Music Department is amongst the busiest and most successful in the school and is central to the life and ethos at St Alban’s. We are immensely proud of our successes, results and extensive history of performing in so many wonderful places. The Music Department is a hive of creative activity and an absolute pleasure to be a part of. Many of our pupils have continued their study of Music at the finest Music Colleges and Universities in the UK. We have an enviable alumni of students who currently work as professional musicians in a variety of areas within the music industry including in orchestras, choirs, lecturing at university, teaching, session players, freelance performers and so on.

Many of our students have gone on study music at various institutions of note including:

- Chetham’s School of Music
- The Universities of Oxford, Royal Holloway, Goldsmiths, Southampton, Plymouth, Cardiff, Bristol, Surrey, Oxford Brookes, York to name but a few.
- The Royal Northern College of Music
- The Royal Academy of Music
- The Royal College of Music
- The Guildhall School of Music and Drama
- The Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Birmingham Conservatoire

Our GCSE results in 2018 were A*-C 100%

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Peripatetic Music Lessons

We use Gwent Music tutors to deliver our peripatetic lessons. Tuition takes place in lesson time and the timetables are rotated so that pupils do not miss the same lesson every week.

Tutors:

Guitar/Drums: Bob FitzGerald
Strings: Hannah Jeans-Wells
Woodwind: Jo Hornsby
Singing: Jill Padfield
Brass: Chris Turner

Class Music Lessons (Year 7)

Classes for Music are mixed ability for Year 7 pupils. Activities include singing, playing the classroom instruments, composing music and listening. Pupils are given the opportunity to work in groups or individually depending on the task.

Year 7 Music Curriculum:

Autumn 1: Harry Potter and the Classroom of Rhythm
Autumn 2: Year 7 Go To The Movies
Spring 1: Sea Shanties
Spring 2: Class Eisteddfod
Summer 1: Human Fanfare and Human Jazz
Summer 2: The Music of Africa

Senior Choir before performing at a concert in Holland (July 2018)
Opportunities to Perform

**Senior Choir (Whole School)** consists of students from Years 7-13 and rehearses every day during registration. The choir has a busy concert schedule and meets the needs of the liturgical needs of the school and performs at the fortnightly masses on Thursday Week B. The choir has undertaken concert tours to Prague, Holland (three times), Barcelona (twice), New York, Northern France and Warsaw where we won the ‘Head of the Jury Award’ at the Warsaw International Choral Festival.

**Disney Choir (Years 7 and 8)** rehearses after school once a week and performs every year at the Christmas Extravaganza, The Carol Service and at the Summer Concert. The choir has successfully auditioned to perform at Disneyland Paris every year since 2006 and tours there in July.

**Orchestra (Years 7-13)** rehearses once a week after school and performs every year at the Christmas Extravaganza, The Carol Service and at the Summer Concert. The group rehearses a diverse repertoire of instrumental music.

**Lower School Show (Years 7-9)** Every year (May) the Music and Drama Departments put on a production. Last year we performed ‘High School Musical’. The performances are staged over three nights, usually in May.

**Senior School Show (Years 10-13)** Every year (February) the Music and Drama Departments put on a production. Last year we performed ‘We Will Rock You’. The performances are staged over three nights, usually in February. This year we will be performing ‘Sweeney Todd’.