



# GET INTO **MUSIC**

AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL



## MUSIC AT RHS

A wide variety of musical groups rehearse and perform regularly: Band, Orchestra, Chapel Choir, Chamber Choir, Show Choir, Big Band and various chamber music groups, including rock and jazz bands. The Chapel Choir has recently broadcast on BBC television and the British Forces Broadcasting Service as well as regularly performing at St Paul's Cathedral, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Invictus Games. The School Band played at the opening of the National Horseracing Museum in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and have just returned from a 2 ½ week tour of Canada. There are over 50 music events each year which pupils are involved in, ranging from high profile concerts with the BBC Big Band and the Royal Marines School of Music Training Band to the more informal Notes and Nibbles lunchtime concerts. Whatever you play, there is an ensemble for you!

## ORCHESTRAS, ENSEMBLES & CHOIRS

**Mondays**  
1.30 – 2.00pm  
*Music 1*

### MUSICIANSHIP SURGERY

Led by Mr Harvey and Mrs Cherry. Aural and Theory Club prepares pupils for forthcoming ABRSM examinations. To progress to Grade 6 ABRSM practical, Grade 5 Theory is necessary and aural is very much part of the ABRSM syllabus for all grades. This club is also useful to prepare pupils for taking GCSE Music.

**Mondays**  
1.30 – 2pm  
*English Rm 48*

### ADVANCED CLASSICAL GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Enjoy an eclectic mix of musical styles, working in a classical guitar ensemble environment. Guitarists need to be Grade 5 or above and efficient at reading sheet music (not tab).

**Mondays**  
1.30 – 2pm  
*Recital Hall*

### SHOW CHOIR

Come and sing songs from smash hit West End and Broadway shows as well as current and past chart hits. This choir is exciting, fast paced and lots of fun. No audition required.

**Mondays**  
5 – 6pm  
*Recital Hall*

### MARCHING BAND / CONCERT BAND

The Band is run by the Bandmaster, Mr Harvey, and is open to all year groups. There are no auditions but pupils should be of a minimum Grade 3 standard and be willing to commit themselves to a group which plays a wide variety of music from the classics to popular music.

**Thursdays**  
1.30 – 2.10pm  
*Recital Hall*

### BRASS ENSEMBLE

The Brass Ensemble is directed by Mr Harvey and is aimed at junior players, giving them an opportunity to gain experience of playing a wide range of music from classical through to the lighter and more jazzy styles. Open to all ages but aimed at players of all brass instruments up to Grade 3 to 4. It is an ideal group to join to make the transition to the full Concert Band easier.

**Tuesdays**  
1.30 – 2.10pm  
*Recital Hall*

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1.30 – 2pm  
*Music School*

### SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE

The Saxophone Ensemble is run by our saxophone teacher, David Abbott. The music played is varied from jazz to contemporary and there is often an opportunity to play other saxophones including the soprano and baritone.

**Wednesdays**  
1.30 – 2.10pm  
*Recital Hall*

### SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

This is conducted by Mr Harvey. The School Orchestra plays an important part in the development of a pupil's musical experience. The music played is wide-ranging and varied – music from the shows, symphonic and light classical. String players of Grade 3 ability are very welcome and are a very necessary part of this ever vibrant ensemble.

**Wednesdays & Fridays**  
5 – 6pm  
*Recital Hall / Chapel*

### CHAPEL CHOIR

The Chapel Choir is directed by Mr Saunders and has become one of the most important and prestigious ensembles within the music department, performing regularly at St Paul's Cathedral, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Royal Albert Hall. Performances at the Royal Albert Hall have included the John Rutter Christmas Celebration concerts with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance broadcast on BBC television and radio. Tours abroad have included performances at Notre Dame in Paris, Salzburg Cathedral, Barcelona Cathedral, St Mark's Venice and St Peter's Basilica in Rome. In 2015 they toured Malta. In October 2018 the choir are touring New York. New members are always welcome but previous experience of singing in a choir is recommended. There are auditions for new members. Please see Mr Saunders if you are interested in joining.

**Thursdays**  
8.15 – 8.40am  
*Music School*

### JUNIOR CORPS OF BUGLES

RHS has a strong tradition of bugling, and every morning and afternoon a school Bugler can be seen and heard in full Naval uniform at the front of school during the flag ceremonies. This unique school asset is the envy of many other educational institutions, and to ensure the quality of the bugling is maintained, a Junior Corps of Bugles club meets weekly to rehearse. Primarily aimed at beginner buglers in the lower school, this ensemble will receive technical tuition from Mr Harvey, the Bandmaster.

**Thursdays**  
1.05 – 1.30pm  
*Music School*

### JUNIOR CORPS OF DRUMS

RHS's Corps of Drums is one of the jewels in the RHS crown, and this pupil-led group have performed both nationally and internationally at some high profile and prestigious events, including for HM The Queen and other members of the Royal Family. To build further on this unique facet of school life and to ensure continuity, a Junior Corps of Drums was formed in September 2017. Primarily aimed at beginner drummers in the Lower School, this ensemble will receive technical tuition from Mr George Double, our drum teacher.

**Thursdays**  
1.30 – 2pm  
*Music Tech Rooms*

### MUSIC TECH CLUB

The music technology club is run by our music technology teacher and gives pupils the opportunity to access our new, state-of-the-art music technology suite. The suite comprises three separate rooms; a control room with Toft ATB24 console and 27" iMac running Logic Pro X, vocal booth/amp room and a suite of iMacs also running Logic Pro X that doubles as a live/band room. The music technology club is an excellent opportunity for those who do not take music technology as a subject (currently only offered in sixth form) to use these outstanding facilities.

**Thursdays**  
1.30 – 2pm  
*Music 1*

### INTERMEDIATE STRING ENSEMBLE

With an accessible and diverse repertoire, String Ensemble is aimed at players of a Grade 2-5 standard, and is run by Mrs Kerr. Come and be part of a wonderful string sound whilst developing your sight reading and musicianship skills, and having fun!

Thursdays  
1.30 - 2pm  
Music Tech  
Rooms

### **ROCK & POP WORKSHOPS**

Run by our drum teacher, Mr Double, this is a performance project for singers and instrumentalists. Rehearsals will take place in the music tech room and the band will rehearse existing rock and pop repertoire and develop devised material for performances at school and beyond...For more information and to register interest please email Mr Double.

Thursdays  
10.50 - 11.15am  
Recital Hall

### **FLUTE ENSEMBLE**

Run by our flute teacher, Mrs Ter Haar and welcoming flautists of all abilities! They play a wide variety of music including Swan Lake, Pirates of the Caribbean, Nimrod, Pink Panther, Disney, Beatles and even some flute beatboxing! Go and hang out with your flutery friends, make some music, improve your ensemble skills, aural training and sight-reading, all whilst having fun.

Thursdays  
6.30 - 7.30pm  
Recital Hall

### **BIG BAND**

Run by Mr Harvey, the Big Band plays a mixture of traditional big band scores and modern jazz classics. They have been lucky enough to perform with some of the country's finest jazz musicians, recently including the BBC Big Band and The Chris Ingham Trio and Derek Nash. Do come along and get funky!

Fridays  
7.50 - 8.30am  
Music School

### **ADVANCED STRING ENSEMBLE**

Advanced String Ensemble is open to all ages but aimed mainly at those that are Grade 6 standard and above. Further your ensemble playing skills whilst tackling the exceptionally rich and varied repertoire written for strings. From Bach to Britten and beyond!

Fridays  
1.30 - 2.10pm  
Recital Hall

### **CHAMBER CHOIR**

Directed by Mr Allen, this auditioned choir represents the Royal Hospital School's choral elite, performing in all the School's major concerts and making frequent appearances further afield. Singers of Grade 5 standard and above are welcome to audition for this exciting and demanding ensemble. A good ear is essential and the ability to read music is usually required.

### **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS / LOCKERS**

Lessons are available on a large number of instruments. Please contact Mrs Griffiths for information.

Lockers are available for those who have instrumental lessons at the school or bring instruments to school for orchestras and other ensembles. Please see Mr Harvey to ask for a music locker.

### **LOAN OF INSTRUMENTS**

A full range of instruments are available to borrow free of charge. Please see Mr Harvey.

