



# Archbishop Tenison's

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL



# Music Curriculum

- *At KS3 we study a range of topics, including rhythmic notation, African drumming, samba, ukulele skills and film music.*
- *In each topic pupils learn about the context, theory and performance skills related to each area and we aim for pupils to develop their ensemble skills as well as their individual knowledge and understanding.*
- *Our pupils also listen to a variety of genres of music within each topic which encourages a wider understanding of music as well as developing their perceptive listening skills.*
- *In Years 7-9 pupils have one Music lesson a week but in Year 9 they can choose to have an additional lesson each week as part of our option carousel.*



# What's great about Music at Tenison's?

- *Practical music making is core at Tenison's and we aim for our theoretical learning be fully integrated with practical music making.*
- *All classes are mixed ability and taught by one of our two specialist Music teachers.*
- *We always work on pupils developing their confidence along with their skills within our safe and supportive learning environment.*
- *We have a wide range of resources including 17 Macs running Logic and Sibelius, a 30-piece Samba Band, a set of djembes and ukuleles as well as classroom keyboards.*
- *Pupils further up the school also start to use our recording studio.*



# Opportunities and Successes

- *Music is an important part of school life and there are many extra-curricular activities available. These include VOX (choir for Years 7 and 8), Sinfonia Orchestra, Archappella (our mixed a cappella choir) and Gospel Choir.*
- *All of our groups perform regularly, and we have a variety of concerts each year. These include several Informal Concerts, the Spring Showcase Concert and the Carol Service as well as opportunities for pupils to play in eucharists and assemblies throughout the year.*
- *The Music Department also has a team of highly experienced and committed visiting staff who provide 1-1 tuition on a variety of instruments and voice each week.*
- *Music students at Tenison's have gone on to study music at prestigious UK music colleges before continuing onto worldwide stage and orchestral performance careers. One of our recent alumni was the winner of the BBC Radio 2 Young Brass Award and we currently have an ex student who is part of the cast on the Phantom of the Opera World Tour. Other Tenison's Music students have pursued careers in the recording industry, as session musicians and in music administration posts.*