



ABINGDON

Music Lessons at Abingdon School 2016

Music plays a prominent part in the life of Abingdon School.

Over half of the boys have instrumental tuition

There are over 35 visiting instrumental teachers.

Music can be studied as a subject from Year 9 (3rd Year), to GCSE and A Level

Instrumental tuition is offered in all the orchestral woodwind, brass, percussion and strings, together with piano, recorder, saxophone, guitar (acoustic, electric and bass), drum kit, bagpipes and Singing

Instruments may be hired from school for up to 3 terms. There is no charge for the hire of violins, violas and double basses.

Lots of Musical Activities

First Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Second Orchestra, Junior Strings, Symphonic Wind Band, Brass Band, Lower School Wind Band, Big Band, Chapel Choir, Gospel Choir, Joint Choral Society, Joint Chamber Choir (with St Helen's School, Abingdon Academicals (close harmony), Lower School Choir

A large programme of chamber music is provided for all instruments. Chamber music is a particularly strong and a prominent element in the department's activity.

Internal School Concerts

Concerts include Scholars' Concerts, Informal Concerts, Choral, Brass and Orchestral.

Outside Performances

Further afield, the school's orchestras and chamber ensembles have performed at the Oxfordshire Youth Prom, at London's Royal Festival Hall in the National Festival of Music for Youth and at St John's, Smith Square, in the National Schools' Chamber Music Competition Finals.

Frequent International Concert Tours:

2006 First Orchestra to Hong Kong and Beijing, Abingdon's 750th Anniversary Year
2009 Big Band to Tuscany (2010 Big Band CD released "Abingdon Plays More Jazz")

2011 First Orchestra and Big Band tour to USA – Boston, New York, Washington DC
2014 Orchestra and Chapel Choir to Barcelona and Catalonia

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