

Newsletter



Music

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Firstly, I would like to thank all our students for their dedication, skill and perseverance last term. From the Cabaret Evening to the Rock Concert, the Annual Chamber Concert to the Chapel Choir singing in Salisbury, and the cast of Made in Dagenham to all involved in the Spring Concert, there was a huge collective contribution and, for me, this is the power of music making. Those skills and experiences across different year groups creates a sum much greater than its parts encouraging collaboration and friendship. As ever, the results can be viewed on [YouTube](#).

This term, we have a programme of events which I hope will provide all students with a series of musical memories and inspiration. Masterclasses this term will be given by Crispian Steele-Perkins and Peter Sparks and, on 7 May, we welcome 'Harry the Piano' to Abingdon. The performance of this piano virtuoso promises to be breathtaking and well worth attending! The Chapel choir will sing Evensong at Winchester Cathedral and, before our U6 students head off for study leave, we will celebrate their contribution to all walks of musical life at Abingdon on 3 May. After half term, there are three significant concerts with the Lower School Gala Concert on 14 June followed by our celebration of the Arts which will further cement the beauty and importance of the Arts within the 21st Century education of an Abingdon student. A couple of weeks later, our Summer Concert will focus on the world of Film Music.

Details for the term's musical events can be found on the website and in the Music calendar. In addition, many of the concerts and events are available online via the school YouTube channel.

I would like to thank you again for the support you give your children in their musical pursuits which is invaluable to the outcomes they achieve and I wish you and your families a wonderful Summer break when it arrives in July!

Concert dates

Friday 3 May

Upper Sixth Leavers' Concert
CMR - 6pm

Tuesday 7 May

Harry the Piano Concert
Amey Theatre - 7pm

Friday 14 June

Lower School Gala Concert
Amey Theatre - 6pm

Monday 17 June

Piano Extravaganza Concert
Amey Theatre - 7pm

Wednesday 26 June

Anything But Classical Concert
Outside - 6.30pm

Friday 28 June

Summer Music Concert
Amey Theatre - 7pm