

The Hemel Hempstead School Music Department

The Music Department has two full time teachers, a part time Music technician and administrative support. The Head of Performing Arts oversees the running and management of the faculty, and is a Director of Learning on the school's Leadership Team. The department works very much as a team, supporting each other in curricular and extra-curricular aspects of the subject. We also work very closely with the other departments in the Performing Arts faculty, namely Drama and Dance.

Results in Music are very good and significantly above the National Average. At KS4 and KS5 students follow the Edexcel Music Specification. Music students have full use of the computer suite and the recital room to support their studies. Our high expectations, supportive environment and excellent teaching ensure good results.

At KS3 students follow a comprehensive scheme of work over one hour per week, designed to encourage progression in a range of skills, develop confidence in all aspects of performance and a thorough understanding and love of music. We endeavour to support students' literacy skills and develop cross curricular links in a range of subjects.

The Department has an extensive programme of extra-curricular ensembles ranging from Wind Band, Male Voice Choir, Acoustic Band, SSA and many more. The school Chamber Choir has competed several times in the National Music for Youth competition, winning regional finals. The Department offers two popular concerts a year, a Carol Service and a biannual music tour, visiting countries such as Italy, Spain and Croatia. The Performing Arts Faculty produces a large whole school musical, every two years, working collaboratively to create an exciting performance opportunity for students. The department was also nominated to become a Music Mark School for 2020/21.

Music is an integral part of the HHS experience. Students are offered a range of opportunities to experience live music on trips and they are encouraged to demonstrate their skills through student led activities such as House Music.

The subject is taught across several teaching spaces situated in a new facility that includes two large classrooms (a recital room and computer suite), six practice rooms and a recording studio.

We share our facilities with the Dacorum Music School and enjoy a close and supportive working relationship with them. A wide range of music lessons are delivered by a dedicated team of peripatetic music teachers.

This is a dynamic and exciting department, offering opportunities and challenges for someone with a passion for Music, an enthusiasm for teaching and a desire to work with young people in a creative and supportive environment.