

🎵 Kendrick School Music Department 🎵

Extra-curricular Music Timetable 2021/22

I want to be a part of an ensemble/choir but what standard do I need to be? Is it restricted to a certain year group? Find out below...

Whether you have been many times before, or are new to these ensembles, come and get yourself involved. It is a fun and friendly environment where we listen to your ideas and want to make the best music possible 😊

Instrumental Ensembles

Sinfonia – This is an orchestral ensemble for students of about grade 2-5 standard. Strings, woodwind, brass and percussion are invited to join us. We play a range of repertoire, from film music to Classical pieces and everything in between.

By joining this ensemble, you learn valuable skills such as how to follow a conductor and how to play as part of a large section/family of instruments.

Symphony Orchestra – This is an orchestral ensemble for students of grade 6+ standard. Please speak to Mrs. Cooper about joining if you are interested. We perform pieces from all musical eras and genres and offer selected students the chance to perform a movement of a concerto alongside us in Term 4.

By joining this ensemble, you may develop your skills in leading a section/family of instruments, expand your repertoire and acute sense of ensemble skills.

Wind Orchestra – This is a wind and brass ensemble for students of about grade 1+ standard. Less experienced wind and brass players may also join and play an easier part. The atmosphere is fun and friendly and gives a great foundation into ensemble playing.

Jazz Band – This is an ensemble for saxophones, clarinets, flutes, all brass, double bass/bass guitar, electric guitar, piano and drums. Students should be of at least grade 3 standard.

We play a range of jazz favourites, from Stevie Wonder to Benny Goodman and everything in between. Students will have the opportunity to develop their improvisation skills, as well as their ensemble skills, as part of a melodic or rhythmic section.

Guitar Ensemble – This is an ensemble for guitarists of all abilities. No experience needed. Speak to Mr Holwill about joining. The repertoire covered is exciting and varied and the ensemble helps you develop your chamber group performance skills.

Brass Ensemble – This is a chamber group for all brass players. Students should be grade 1+ but can speak to Mr Watts about joining if not at this standard yet.

We cater for all brass instrumentalists and develop a high level of musicianship in a friendly and engaging atmosphere.

Flute Ensemble – This is a chamber group for all flute players. Students should be grade 1+ but can speak to Miss Laney about joining if not at this standard yet.

In this ensemble you will have the opportunity to also play the piccolo, alto flute and bass flute. We play a diverse range of pieces for all occasions as part of large-scale concerts.

Harp Ensemble – This is a chamber ensemble for those learning to play the harp. It is run by Mrs Elliott on Friday's before school and at lunch time. Always a highlight of our concerts, students develop a high level of musicality in their playing as part of this ensemble.

Choirs

Vox Choir – This is a choir for all students in Years 7 and 8. We will be exploring some pop music and music of other styles. Suggestions welcome! No experience needed.

In joining this choir, you will develop your singing skills in a relaxed and encouraging environment whilst making lots of new friends.

Senior Choir – This is a choir for all students in Years 9 – 13. A wide variety of musical genres/styles will be explored. No experience needed.

This choir provides a great platform for students from the Main School and Sixth Form to interact with each other and expand their repertoire, working towards large-scale performances in our concerts.

Chamber Choir – This is a choir for students in Years 9-13. You must audition for this choir. The sign-up sheet can be found on the noticeboard outside M1.

In joining this choir, you will be developing your singing to the highest level in the school, working on singing in as many as 8-10 parts. There are parts for all pitch ranges and a chance to lead your section and potentially direct the group in performance.

Other Clubs - NEW

Song Writing and Instrumental Writing Club – This is a club for those who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of how to compose music of their own, writing idiomatically for both voices and/or instruments of their choice.

We will also explore how to create interesting lyrics and create music for a variety of moods and atmospheres.

The club is open to all ages and abilities.

Music Theory Club – This is a club for those that wish to develop their theoretical knowledge of music. It will assist with curriculum Music lessons as well as boost students' analytical and appraising skills.

Sessions will be tailored to those that attend, with the club being open to all at the school.