



# MUSIC IN THE SIXTH FORM

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT

Music is an integral part of everyday life at Walthamstow Hall, both in and out of the classroom. With state-of-the-art facilities, an expert team of visiting music teachers, a wide array of co-curricular ensembles and an exciting academic curriculum, there is music-making on offer to students of all ages, abilities and experience.

## MUSIC FACILITIES

The School has state-of-the-art music facilities. The John Downton Room boasts a suite of iMacs for music technology and two rehearsal spaces with two grand pianos and a harpsichord, as well as a newly-refurbished Percussion Studio which is fully equipped with orchestral percussion instruments, and a separate drum kit booth. There is a practice suite of nine air-conditioned rooms for individual music lessons and private practice, with four of these being sound-proofed and data-linked to the Music Office, effectively creating a high-end recording studio. The Ship Performing Arts complex includes practice rooms of varying sizes. The refurbished Ship Theatre itself has a Bösendorfer Grand Piano and organ on the stage, and is an enviable space for rehearsals, performances and examinations.

## A LEVEL AND PRE-U

Students are currently offered a choice between A Level and the innovative Cambridge Pre-U Music course in the Sixth Form. Students have consistently achieved top grades in recent years with many going on to study music at university and music college.

## CO-CURRICULAR LEARNING

The school has a Music Council made up of students of all ages who represent the views and opinions of their peers. Meetings are chaired by the Music Captain, a leadership position in the Sixth Form. Students are involved in music-making in a variety of ways at Walthamstow Hall. These are some of the ensembles on offer:

Cellistas Cello Ensemble, Chamber Music, Clarinet Quartet, Early Music Group, Flute Choir, String Quartet, Symphony Orchestra, Training Orchestra, Vivaldi String Orchestra, Senior Choir, Senior Chamber Choir.

There are many formal and informal opportunities for students to perform throughout the year. These include public concerts in the Christmas and Spring terms, an annual Carol Service at Tonbridge School Chapel, termly informal concerts, the House Music Competition, musicals, and various other musical evenings including Wally Pop and Wally Stage & Screen. In addition, School musicians provide live music for many of the School plays performed in the Ship Theatre.

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Students are able to participate in our Choir Tours, which performed at various venues in Tuscany last year, and will be visiting Amsterdam during the half term of February 2020.

## INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

The School has an expert team of visiting music teachers who offer one-to-one tuition during the School day. Tuition is available in:

Singing, Piano, Organ, Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Recorder, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Classical/Electric Guitar, Harp and Orchestral/Kit Percussion. In addition to this, the School offers weekly classes in Music Theory, Aural Training and Song-writing.

## ASSOCIATED BOARD & TRINITY EXAMINATIONS

The School hosts ABRSM exams every term, allowing students the opportunity to take exams in familiar surroundings. The School also enters students for Trinity Exams.

## CAMBRIDGE PRE-U RESULTS 2019

PRE-U GRADE	D2
A LEVEL equivalent	A*
Music	100%

