



BRIGHTON
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BRIGHTON COLLEGE MUSIC SCHOOL 2022 - 2023





'Music at
Brighton
College is
exceptional'

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Welcome

Music plays an integral part in the life of pupils at Brighton College - whether singing a hymn in Chapel, touring Europe with the Chamber Choir or playing in a rock band in the House Music Competition. As a result, many pupils express an interest in learning a musical instrument or having singing lessons (or both!).

So we can plan the music offerings for the next academic year, I would be grateful if you could fill in the online form [here](#) as soon as possible, regardless of whether your son or daughter wishes to play an instrument or sing at the College. This will ensure we have a complete record and will help us place pupils into appropriate groups for music classes. New Music Scholars and pupils joining the College from Brighton College Prep School who have already been receiving instrumental or vocal tuition should also return the completed form.

Pupils who are receiving tuition outside school are strongly encouraged to take part in musical activities offered at the College. Please indicate on the form if you will be taking music lessons outside school and on which instrument.

Instrumental tuition is available in school on all orchestral instruments plus singing, piano, harpsichord, organ and guitar - electric, bass, acoustic and classical.


Please find enclosed information about charges, remission of fees, terms and conditions and general information about music at Brighton College.

In addition to encouraging all pupils who learn an instrument to be involved in music at the College, we also welcome the participation of parents and friends. The Adult Choral Society, which meets on Thursdays from 7-9pm, is a popular musical and social activity. If you would like more information, please do contact the music department.

I look forward to welcoming you to concerts and other musical events at the College this coming year.

Jason Mathias
Director of Music



A wide-angle photograph of a large orchestra performing in a grand, ornate hall. The orchestra is seated on a stage, with a conductor in the center. The hall features high ceilings, large columns, and a prominent chandelier hanging from the center. A large, arched window in the background allows natural light to enter. The overall atmosphere is formal and elegant.

Music at Brighton College

Music is at the heart of College life. Each week, over 25 ensembles rehearse in the Music School to prepare for the 70 concerts, competitions and events that take place each year.

From percussion groups and swing bands to the chamber choir and symphony orchestra, we offer musical opportunities for everyone.

Our music department embodies a joyful approach to music. Most importantly, music is fun and so the concept of play is our guiding principle. As such, much of the co-curricular life of the department feeds into the academic programme, which has seen pupils going on to study music at the Royal Academy of Music, Oxbridge and Trinity College, London.



Our award-winning Music School

The Music School was named one of the UK's best buildings by the Royal Institute of British Architects. Designed by award-winning architects, we provide pupils with some of the very best musical facilities in the country.

The jewel at the heart of the Music School is the Sarah Abraham Recital Hall, complete with a stunning nine foot Fazioli concert grand piano.

Acoustic panels in the walls allow for the adjustment of levels to enhance the acoustic qualities of the space. A retractable seating system for 200 people and integrated stage lighting enable the space to be used for a variety of concerts and recitals.

Below the Recital Hall are 15 soundproofed music practice and teaching rooms, each with a piano and every one unique in design.

The percussion and rock room is designed to offer isolation from its surroundings, which is aided by the high, asymmetric ceiling, and the acoustic materials within the walls.

The recording suite has state-of-the-art facilities and provides a technical teaching aid for interactive learning.

Our secure instrument storage area enables pupils to safely store their instruments away, and the music library contains a wealth of material for our pupils.



680
music lessons each week

40
music teachers - many who are members of
leading orchestras and opera companies

30+
large ensembles, choirs, jazz groups
and a chamber music programme

250+
grades - ABRSM and Trinity exams
taken each year

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Autograph concerts - a unique
series featuring World-class performers
and pupil masterclasses

Brighton College Music School Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions set out below must be agreed by all parents of pupils wishing to receive instrumental or singing tuition at Brighton College.

- Up to 30 lessons will be taught during the academic year and these will be charged termly in arrears.
- There is a charge for music lessons, which may be subject to an annual rise.
- Pupils can begin lessons at any time. Parents can complete and submit the Music Lesson Application form online.
- Extra lessons may be given and will be charged accordingly at the discretion of the Director of Music.
- Lessons missed through illness will not be made up.
- If extra lessons are timetabled, a further charge for each lesson will be added to the school account.
- Music and other miscellaneous items such as examination fees will be added to the school account and will be payable in arrears.
- Pupils are responsible for preparing for their lessons through regular practice and for attending lessons punctually and with the correct music.
- Lessons are timetabled on a rotational basis and the pupil is responsible to catch up on any academic work missed. Sixth Formers have fixed music lessons during a non-academic period.
- Failure to attend a lesson will normally result in parents being charged. If a pupil cannot attend a lesson for any reason, they should inform the Director of Music or the Music Administrator in good time so the lesson can be rearranged. This will only happen in exceptional circumstances. Attendance records are kept by teachers.
- Practice diaries will be issued to all pupils who have lessons in school. These are to be used by pupils, music teachers and parents to communicate information regarding music lessons. Pupils should keep diaries up to date at all times.

- **Music Award Holders** receive tuition of 30 lessons of 35 minutes on two instruments free of charge. Choral Scholars receive one set of 30 singing lessons of 35 minutes free of charge. Any further tuition eg double lessons will need to be paid for. **However, if they fail to attend a lesson without good reason then a charge will be made for that lesson.** Scholars are expected to make a full contribution to the musical life of the College, which includes taking part in and attending concerts and helping with arrangements associated with other musical activities.
- Pupils in the Prep School who wish to continue with music lessons when they move to the College need to re-apply. This also applies to pupils moving from the Pre-Prep to the Prep School.
- **Five teaching weeks' notice must be given by a parent in writing to the Director of Music if a pupil wishes to discontinue lessons.** Any queries relating to music lessons should also be made directly to the Director of Music.

To let us know what instrument your son or daughter plays and to apply for music lessons if you would like, please complete the Performing Arts Enrolment Forms on the [portal](#).



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All-rounder (including music) and choral scholarships are available for 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry.

**For more information,
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