



Music ECA Programme September 2021



All Bands

Please see Mr Lane in SP01 if you are interested in playing in one of the Bands. He will be able to direct you to the one most suited to your ability.

Bass Club – Mondays 12.45pm in Ensemble Room with Miss Maxwell

BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

This is the opportunity for existing electric bass players or cellists to learn how to play the acoustic double bass. Ask Miss Lee-Foster for more details.



Brass Ensemble – Wednesday 3.40pm in SP01 with Mr Lane

ALL YEARS • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

This ensemble is for any brass players wishing to take part in a smaller ensemble to gain further experience. If you are interested, please contact Mr Lane for further details.

Beginner Cellos – Sundays 12.45pm in M1 with Miss Maxwell

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS • ALL TERMS

For Year 7 and 8 students who wish to try out the cello before buying their own instrument. Tuition is received as part of a small group (rather like the Beginner Band scheme). Fee for lessons and hire of a Cello costs AED 500 per term. For further information please contact Ms Lee-Foster.

Beginner Guitars – Mondays 12.45pm in M2 with Mr Zapata

YEARS 7 – 8 • ALL TERMS

For Year 7 and 8 students who have their own guitar and wish to learn the instrument. Tuition is received as part of a small group (rather like the Beginner Band scheme). For further information please contact Mr Zapata.

Big Choir – Sundays & Wednesdays 12.45pm in the Black Box Theatre with Miss Lee-Foster and Mr Bowler

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

Open to those who would like to sing in an SATB Choir and partake in the Choirfest Competition in term 2. For further information see Miss Lee-Foster.

Boys Aloud Choir – Mondays 12.45pm in the Music Hall with Mr Jeffrey

YEARS 7 – 10 • ALL TERMS

This exclusive choir is for boys only. Open to male students. Appealing repertoire is selected from arrangements of contemporary music, pop, jazz, barber shop and musical theatre. For further information please contact Mr Jeffrey.

Composition Club – Monday 3.40pm in M1 and M2 with Mr Zapata

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

This activity is for budding young composers who wish to learn new techniques in harmony and orchestration while mastering Logic Pro X and Sibelius composing software. An essential ECA for students in Year 10 wishing to take GCSE Music outside of the timetabled curriculum.

See Mr Zapata for further information.

Concert Band – Wednesdays 12.45pm in the Music Hall with Mr Lane

ALL YEARS • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

Concert Band is for the more advanced musician learning a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. Expected standard is a minimum of Grade 5+ and is open to students in all year groups. For further information please contact Mr Lane.



Extra Aural or Accompaniment – Mondays 12.45pm in T5 with Mr Hardman

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

These extra aural one to one classes are for those students who wish to improve their Aural Skills for the listening part of the ABRSM or Trinity music examinations. Or if you would like to run through your pieces with an experienced accompanist. Simply book your slot with either Mr Hardman either on a Monday lunchtime or before school in the mornings.

Flute Choir – Tuesdays 3.40pm in SP02 with Mrs Hayter

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

This ensemble for flute players of about grade 4+ already participating in one of the Bands. See Mrs Hayter for more information.

House Music

ALL YEARS • TERM 1

This inter-house Music Competition runs from week 3 – 6 of the Winter Term. Watch for bulletins on ISAMS and information will follow through your House Captains or Heads of House. See Miss Lee-Foster for further information.

Intermediate Band – Sundays 12.45pm in the Music Hall with Mrs Hayter

YEARS 7 – 10 • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

A music ensemble for students who like playing in a large group, approx. ability range is grades 2-4. This band is the next step up from Training Band and is open to all students who have been learning their woodwind, brass or percussion instruments for 2 years or more. See Mr Lane for more information.

Intermediate Guitars – Wednesdays 12.45pm in M2 with Mr Zapata

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

Open to guitarists who have been learning the instrument for a minimum of 3 years. Approx. ABRSM or Trinity Grade 4-5 standard. Contact Mr Zapata for further information.

Jazz Band – Tuesdays 3.40pm in the Music Hall with Mr Crawford

ALL YEARS • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

Jazz Band is for advanced musicians playing either saxophone or a brass instrument and is by audition/invitation only. Opportunities are also available for an advanced pianist, two

guitarists and a drum kit player. See Mr Crawford for further information.



Junior Chamber Choir – Wednesdays 3.40pm in SP01 with Ms Lee-Foster

YEARS 7 – 11 • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

This is a smaller choir for the more experienced singer wishing to partake in an elite, competition choir. Auditions and invitations happen in September & interested singers should contact Miss Lee-Foster.

Junior Guitars – Tuesdays 12.45pm in M2 with Mr Zapata

YEAR 7 - 9 • ALL TERMS

Open to guitarists who have been learning the instrument for a minimum of 1 year. Approx. ABRSM or Trinity Grade 1-3 standard. See Mr Zapata for further information.



Junior Strings – Tuesdays 12.45pm in SP02 with Miss Vaskinova

YEARS 7 – 9 • ALL TERMS

This activity is suitable for students learning the violin, viola, cello or double bass at Grades 1-3 standard open to all year groups. See Mrs Vaskinova for more information.

Junior & Senior Saxophone Quartets
– Tuesdays/Wednesdays 12.40pm in SPO8 with Ms Ledesma

INVITATION ONLY • ALL TERMS

These smaller chamber groups are for the experienced saxophone player wishing to partake in a quartet playing one per part. See Miss Ledesma to register your interest.

Nothing But Treble – Sundays and Wednesdays 12.45pm in SPO2 with Mr Jeffery

ALL YEARS • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

This is a chamber choir for advanced, female / treble voices only. It is an auditioned/invitation only vocal group for soprano or treble singers in all year groups. See Mr Jeffery for more information.

Percussion Ensemble – Mondays 12.45pm in SPO2 with Mr Vint

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

This activity is available for students learning percussion and Drumkit who wish to partake in an Orchestral Percussion Ensemble. For further information contact Mr Vint or Miss Lee-Foster.

Samba Band – Thursdays 12.40pm in the Music Hall with Mr Vint

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

This activity is available for students learning percussion and Drumkit who wish to partake in a loud and exhilarating Samba Band. For further information contact Mr Vint or Miss Lee-Foster.



Senior Chamber Choir – Wednesdays 3.40pm in the Music Hall with Ms Lee-Foster

YEARS 12 – 13 • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

Open to experienced singers/readers already in Senior Choir by audition/invitation only. For more information please contact Miss Lee-Foster.

Senior Guitars – Sundays 12.45pm in S12 with Mr Zapata

YEARS 10 - 13 • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

Open to guitarists who have been learning the instrument for a minimum of 4 years. Approx. ABRSM or Trinity Grade 6+ standard. See Mr Zapata for more information.

Senior Strings – Sundays 3.40pm in the Music Hall with Miss Lee-Foster

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

This is an advanced ensemble for string players ABRSM Grades 4+. See Miss Lee-Foster for more information.

Solfege/Eartraining – Wednesdays 12.45pm in T1 with Miss Vaskinova

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

Solfege is an advanced practical ear training technique that will help students to access their inner ear and learn how to identify and produce intervals, rhythmical patterns, cadences and other musical aspects needed for their instrument and singing studies. Solfege studies lead to drastic aural and instrumental intonation and overall better understanding of music and music theory. Solfege is a practical subject and we will use a relative do system, where the tonic of the key is always a "do" in major keys and always "la" in minor keys. Almost all major music institutes in the world have solfege studies as part of their curriculum. See Miss Vaskinova for further information.

Theory Class Grades 1-5 – Wednesdays 3.40pm in M1/M2 with Mr Hardman and Miss Vos

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

These lessons are for those taking instrumental lessons who wish to support their general musicianship skills and work towards taking a theory exam. See Mr Hardman for more information.

Training Band – Tuesdays 12.45pm in SPO1 with Miss Winters

YEARS 7 – 9 • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

This band is the next step up from Beginner Band. It is for students in years 7-10 who have been learning a brass, percussion or woodwind instrument for approximately a year or two and are working towards or have taken their Grade 1 examination. See Mr Lane for further information.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts –
12.45pm in the Music Hall starting after half term in Term 1

ALL YEARS • ALL TERMS

These lunchtime concerts are an opportunity for students who wish to perform a solo in front of an audience. All entries must come through Miss Lee-Foster.

Viola Club – Tuesdays 1.25pm in T1 with Miss Vaskinova

ALL YEARS • BY INVITATION • ALL TERMS

This activity is available for existing violin students who wish to learn the Viola and how to read music in the Alto clef alongside learning violin. Tuition is received as part of a small group and school violas are available to hire at a very reasonable cost. See Miss Vaskinova for further information.

Young Musicians of the Gulf (YMOG)

ALL YEARS • TERM 1 AND FIRST HALF OF TERM 2

This is an international competition held in Bahrain in the last week of January. This is open to our advanced students usually learning an instrument to approximately Grade 7+ standard. All entries must come through Miss Lee-Foster.

YMOG Ensemble – Mondays 12.45pm in M1 with Mrs Hayter

YMOG String Ensemble – Sundays 12.45pm in M2 with Mrs Vaskinova

YMOG Vocal Ensemble – Mondays 12.45pm in T2 with Mrs Belbelian

YMOG Vocal Ensemble – Wednesdays 12.45pm in T3 with Mrs Brown

Beginner Band – Mondays 3.40pm in the Music Hall with Mr Lane

YEARS 7-8 • ALL TERMS

This exclusive opportunity is for Years 7 and 8 only. You sign up at the start of the year and receive a school instrument on loan and learn your chosen instrument in a group lesson and get to take part in the Beginner Band each week culminating in three, high profile performances in the Auditorium. Email jacki.williams@dubaicollege.org for further information.



Beginner Band Lessons:

Bassoon & Oboe – Wednesdays 12.45pm in SP07 with Mrs Hayter

Lower Brass – Sundays 12.45pm in SP01 with Mr Lane

Alto Saxophone – Sundays 12.45pm in SP08 with Miss Ledesma

Flute – Wednesdays 12.45pm in SP01 with Mrs Dibble

Tenor Saxophone – Mondays 12.45pm in SP08 with Miss Ledesma

Trumpet – Mondays 12.45pm in SP01 with Mr Lane

Clarinet – Tuesdays 12.45pm in M1 with Mrs Hayter

French Horn – Tuesdays 12.45pm in SP07 with Mr Lane