



ST HUGH'S  
OXFORDSHIRE

## Music Department: Concerts

Concerts feature strongly in the life of the school. Children derive enormous benefit from performing in public and there are numerous opportunities for them to do so throughout their time at St Hugh's. Music making develops creativity and imagination and through the many ensembles and concerts available to the children, regardless of their level of attainment, we hope they will gain confidence and be encouraged to enjoy the gift of music throughout their lives.

*'My son said he felt two feet taller after he had played his solo in the concert' Year 8 parent*

### Spring Festival Concert

All pupils in Upper School take part in this concert. In the weeks leading up to half term, auditions are held with every child playing a solo or in a small group to their peers. Secret votes are cast for which act will go on to perform in front of the whole school. As well as the solos each year group choir performs two songs. It is a hugely popular event and generates tremendous excitement and enthusiasm.

*'I never thought I enjoyed singing so much. I loved the fact that there was pop and classical music being played.'* Year 6 pupil

### Middle School Concerts

All pupils in the Middle School participate in these concerts. The Instrumental Concert takes place in the Spring and a choral workshop/musical production in the Summer Term.

### Tea Time Concerts

These concerts provide valuable performance opportunities, particularly for our less experienced musicians. Several are put on each term, they are given in Instrument groups and offer an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's instrumental teacher.

## Exam Candidate Concerts

These concerts take place every term and provide a valuable opportunity for pupils to perform their pieces before taking an exam.

## Music & Drama Scholars Concert

At the start of the Spring term this concert provides an opportunity for the potential music and drama scholars to perform their pieces to an audience, in preparation for their auditions.

## Leavers' Concert

We bid farewell to our musical leavers in what has come to be a relaxed and fun evening of music making.

## Picnic Concert

Every two years we have a spectacular outside concert where families can enjoy the wonderful music making of the children in the beautiful surroundings of the Rose Garden. Along with the performances the picnic interval is enjoyed by everyone and this event it is a highlight of the calendar.

## Rock Concert

In the alternate year from the Picnic Concert we put on our glam rock rags and the Barn is turned into the hippest venue around for "St Hugh's Rocks!"

## Musical Productions

Each Spring term we put on a large scale musical production with the children in Year 7 in conjunction with the Drama Department. We have produced 'Oliver', 'Joseph', The Sound of Music and 'The Wizard of Oz' in recent years, to great acclaim, and much loved by the children taking part.

The summer term is the time for a Middle School musical production. On a smaller scale from the spectacular event in Year 7, it introduces the younger children to the genre and gives them a taste of things to come.

## Services

Throughout the academic year members of the Chamber Choir take pride in singing anthems which are a central part of key services in the school calendar, such as the Carol Service, St Hugh's Day Service and Leavers' Service.