

## A complete musical education

The Music School at Millfield is one of the largest in the UK and enjoys world-class facilities in a state-of-the-art building. This, combined with comprehensive and outstanding teaching staff and transformative opportunities, provides exceptional provision for our young musicians both in the classroom and in practical music making.



Our thriving concert calendar features over 70 events, with performances ranging from solo recitals to large scale ensemble concerts, and chamber music concerts to contemporary evenings, musicals and a whole-school House Song. Our calendar also includes regular concert trips in the Southwest and beyond, and a wide range of workshops with professional musicians for all ensembles. The Music School benefits from a high-profile external performance calendar, participation in renowned music festivals and competitions, regular services and concerts at Wells Cathedral and tours across the globe. We are especially proud of our extensive and rich community performance projects. Other highlights in our programme include hosting a residency with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, a programme of masterclasses and a biennial Concerto Concert in which students perform a concerto movement with a professional conductor and orchestra.



## Ensemble excellence

School Choir, Junior Choir, Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, Wind Band, Jazz Band, close harmony Vocal Groups, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Quintet Brass Ensemble, several vibrant Rock, Pop and Jazz groups and an award-winning Chamber Choir. Additionally, there are over 20 chamber music ensembles rehearsing every week across a wide range of styles and genres.

## Our facilities include

- A 350-seat concert venue
- Recital foyer
- Professional standard recording studios
- Four teaching suites fully equipped with Apple Macs
- 30 teaching/practice rooms
- A specialist percussion room
- An outstanding collection of instruments, including a Steinway Model D Concert Grand Piano

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Millfield is proud to celebrate its exceptional provision for contemporary and classical music, working in collaboration with the dance and drama department, Millfield Prep and extensively in our community on several occasions during the year. Our programme enjoys a strong national and international reputation for its music-making. Many of our musicians continue to study music at university or at major conservatories, regularly with scholarships, and during their time at Millfield perform with National Youth Orchestras and Choirs. Many of our leavers continue with their music studies. Recently students have attended: Berklee College of Music, BIMM, Royal Academy of Music, Royal Northern College of Music, Birmingham Conservatoire, Leeds College of Music, as well as at Russell Group universities on music degree courses. Leavers also regularly take up choral scholarships at universities including University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Durham, and Royal Holloway University of London.

There are incredible opportunities for musicians of all ages, standards and styles at Millfield. Whatever your musical talent or interest, we will meet your needs and help you achieve your goals with our bespoke musical pathways. We aim to inspire, enthuse and motivate through enjoyment, challenge and opportunity.



## Highlights from 2022-23

- Tour to Barcelona in July 2023, featuring performances at Barcelona Cathedral, Sagrada Familia and multiple concerts in the Costa del Maresme region
- Millfield Community Choirs performing Rutter's Requiem and music to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in Wells Cathedral
- The International Concert Series featuring the Budapest Café Orchestra, London Mozart Players and Oculi Ensemble
- Groove Days with vocalist Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, composer Alexander L'Estrange and Mark Armstrong, Musical Director of National Youth Jazz Orchestra
- New creative partnership launched with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment
- Finalists at Pro Corda, the National Chamber Music Competition
- Millfield Musician of the Year increasing in popularity, with an entire half-term dedicated to the competition
- A Night at the Opera in which our most accomplished singers perform operatic highlights with a professional orchestra
- A 1970s show in collaboration with the dance department for all ensembles, student soloists and staff band
- House Song returns again as a whole-school event

## Looking forward to 2023-24

- Musical collaboration with drama and dance of Laurence O'Keefe's Legally Blonde
- Concerto Concert featuring an incredible 11 performances
- A week-long Opera Residency with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, re-creating and performing Purcell's The Fairy Queen
- Millfield Festival Chorus performing Ostafew's Requiem for Humanity in Wells Cathedral
- A newly-expanded performance platform including lunchtime concerts and development masterclasses
- The creation of a Choral Commission to celebrate our 90th birthday in 2025
- Frequent concert trips to hear world-class ensembles and orchestras
- A service of Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral and other choral services at Wells Cathedral
- A Bond Night, bringing together our extensive range of instrumental ensembles and featuring vocalists for a gala-style event
- Social events for musicians

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