



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Would your child like to play a musical instrument for the first time?

Does your child already play an instrument but would like to play another?

Would your child like to join the exciting music ensembles at St Aidan's?

We are pleased to be launching our sixth year of our Start The Music scheme on Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Main Hall at St Aidan's.

St Aidan's 'Start the Music' applications are open to all pupils starting in Y7 who want to learn a musical instrument. On a successful application, pupils will receive free lessons for a year and the loan of an instrument if appropriate. Our scheme is open to pupils who have not played an instrument before and also pupils who are looking to start a second instrument from the endangered instrument list (oboe, bassoon, French horn, tenor horn, tuba, clarinet, alto or tenor saxophone). We would welcome applicants in particular wishing to learn the saxophone, tenor horn, tuba and French horn. Please note, there are some instruments we don't support in the scheme this year such as piano, percussion, drums and trumpet.

For more information please come along to our launch evening on Thursday 18th April at 7pm when St Aidan's Junior band and String ensemble will be performing. We are also excited to have a visiting quartet to perform this year, Nebula Brass (featuring one of our ex-students and tenor horn player, George Fearnley) from the Royal Welsh College of Music. If you are unable to attend, further information and the online application can be found on the school website.

[Start the Music - St Aidan's \(staidans.co.uk\)](https://staidans.co.uk)

We would also like to invite you to some of our other events in the Music Department this year.

Spring Senior Concert – Thursday 21st March 7pm Constance Green Hall. A celebration of our senior ensembles – Symphonic Band, Swing Band, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Senior Choir and String Quartet. Tickets are available here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-aidans-church-of-england-high-school/t-jzmejqp>

Headteacher: Mrs S Dover

Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre Charity Concert – Thursday 25th April
7pm, St Andrew's Church, Starbeck. Featuring Chamber Choir, Symphony
Orchestra and Swing Band. Tickets on sale soon.

Summer Concert – Wednesday 12th June 7pm MHL. Featuring our lower
school ensembles. Junior Band, Junior Choir, West African Drumming
Ensemble, SAJE (jazz band), APE (percussion ensemble) and the String
Ensemble.

Spotlight – KS3 Performing Arts Show. – Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July
7pm CGH. Singing, dance and drama extravaganza!

We look forward to welcoming you.

Kind regards

Vicki Elliott

Head of Music

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