



THE
MAYNARD
SCHOOL
EXETER

THE PERFORMING ARTS 2016-2017



INTRODUCTION TO THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts play a vital role here at the Maynard School, permeating all aspects of school life. There is so much on offer, allowing our students to enjoy an abundant life whilst learning new skills. We also believe that these opportunities are key components in equipping our students with the self-poise and confidence for which Maynard girls are widely recognised.

Passion for the Performing Arts abounds, and all the staff aim to pass on their love of music, drama and dance to students.

We offer a range of far reaching opportunities across the school, with chances to explore and excel as performers, directors and designers in as many as 20 productions and concerts each year at a variety of exciting venues – from the Barnfield Theatre to Powderham Castle, the Cathedral and the Devon County Show, and many more besides!

The Performing Arts here at The Maynard are, quite simply, exceptional.

MUSIC AT THE MAYNARD

Music is a fundamental part of the curriculum at The Maynard, and we aim to foster an appreciation and enjoyment of music in all girls. Music is an area which challenges all students to perform, compose and explore their creative talent, in turn enhancing their intellectual, personal and social development.

The Maynard Music Department is housed in Tregear, the historic home of the school's founder, John Maynard. The building was a boarding house until 1964 when it was converted into classrooms, with the Music Department moving there in 1995. Today the Department is home to specialist classrooms and practice rooms, and offers Sibelius software, MP3 recording equipment, an Apple Mac with GarageBand, an extensive music library and three grand pianos as well as a range of other instruments. All students study music from Reception to Upper 4 (Year 9), with many going on to study the subject at GCSE and A-Level.

Students have regular opportunities to perform, with concerts held throughout the year, both at school and in the local community. The Department runs a wide range of ensembles for musicians of all abilities. The school is also a venue for Associated Board exams.

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC TUITION

The Music Department offers individual tuition on a range of instruments via our dedicated team of peripatetic music teachers. We can arrange lessons for Piano, Strings (Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass, Guitar), Woodwind (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone), Brass (Trumpet, Horn, Trombone), Percussion (Orchestral and Drum kit) and Singing.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the school offers one Music Scholarship and two Music Exhibitions at 11+ and two Music Scholarships at 13+ (external applicants only) to students who display musical talent and show a lively interest in the subject. Scholars will be expected to play a leading part in the musical life of The Maynard throughout their time at the school.

In addition to the above awards there are also two Walter Daw Sixth Form Music Scholarships. Preference is given to those intending to take A-Level Music.

Please visit our website www.maynard.co.uk for further information on our scholarships and awards, and to download an application form. Alternatively, you can contact our Admissions Department on admissions@maynard.co.uk or 01392 355998.





DRAMA AT THE MAYNARD

Drama at The Maynard inspires and challenges students creatively and intellectually. We offer a far reaching range of opportunities throughout the school, with chances to explore and excel as performers, directors and designers.

The Drama Department is based in our black box studio which, alongside the main school hall, is where the majority of lessons take place. Drama is studied as part of our curriculum until Upper 4 (Year 9) at which point it proves a popular option for further study at GCSE and A-Level.

Drama at all levels within the school provides excellent potential for creative expression, collaborative working and independent learning. Extra curricular opportunities range from drama groups at Upper 3 (Year 7) and Lower 4 (Year 8) to middle school plays and involvement in the Whole School Senior Production, House Drama, seasonal projects and competition work.

We offer students the opportunity to experience a diverse range of modern professional work, giving them a taste of different performance styles and techniques. We also arrange workshops both in school and beyond with exciting companies which challenge particularly our exam students, most recently Frantic Assembly, The National Theatre, Pilot Theatre and Theatre De Complicite.

INDIVIDUAL SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS

We run LAMDA classes taught in small groups, either at lunch time or after school. The results for these examinations in recent years have been exceptional with

girls regularly achieving Distinction for their grade work. These students also get the opportunity to take part in the Devon and Exeter Performing Arts Festival in March.

To arrange lessons please contact Ms Bellamy.

CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the school offers one Creative Arts Scholarship at 11+ and two at 13+ (external applicants only) to students who display a talent for Art or Drama and show an active interest in one of these subjects. Scholars will be expected to actively contribute to the Creative Arts at The Maynard throughout their time at the school.

In addition to the above awards, we also offer two Sixth Form Creative Arts Scholarships. Preference is given to those intending to take A-Level Art or Drama.

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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The Performing Arts Department offers a varied programme of extra-curricular activities, giving all students the opportunity to find something to suit them.

Our main musical activities are the Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, String Band, Junior School Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Senior Choir, Middle School Choir, Jazz Band, Wind Band, Flute Choir and Chamber Ensembles. These groups rehearse on a weekly basis either in the lunch time or after school and perform in our regular series of school concerts and charity events.

We are also keen to offer pupils the chance to perform on the wider stage. Following a successful music tour to Venice in 2015 a number of our younger musicians worked with a production team from the Royal Opera House on the opera 'Tarka the Otter' (performed before HRH The Countess of Wessex). Our Senior Choir, not to be outdone, took part in the Rugby World Cup. They performed at the Bath Assembly Rooms for the Australian Rugby Team and appeared on BBC, ITV and Australian TV.

All students are encouraged to take part in our many drama productions both on stage and in technical roles from sound and lights to designing and making costume and set, to directing and producing. Our Key Stage 3 drama groups run weekly during lunch breaks with some rehearsals after school on the run up to productions. Over the last few years we have staged, amongst others; 'The Silver Sword', 'The Demon Headmaster', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', 'A Little Princess' and 'Peter Pan.

We also organise whole year group endeavours which allow each student to take an active part either onstage or in a directing or designing role. Most recently Upper 3 (Year 7) presented Gillian Cross' hilarious and exciting 'The Demon Headmaster' while Lower 4 (Year 8) used physical theatre and traverse staging to perform 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serrallier.

A regular feature in the school calendar is the House Drama Festival, which sees over 80 girls working together in their houses to create half hour performances using original material, classical and modern drama to explore a theme. Judged by industry professionals, this is a popular and exciting project.

The whole school production is open to students from Upper 4 to Upper 6 (Years 9-13) and is not only an event which showcases the talent and ability of our students but is also a chance for girls across the year groups to work collaboratively as a school - an exciting and memorable challenge. In 2016 our whole school musical was the powerful 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. Staged at The Barnfield Theatre, Exeter and involving over 100 students, this rock opera dominated the early part of the year within school. The high energy, intense performances and powerful ensemble work were impressive and moving - a great achievement for all concerned. Recent other whole school productions include: Dickens' 'Great Expectations', 'Evita' and 'Honk! The Musical'.



ACTIVITIES

		Room	Staff Member
MONDAYS			
8.40 am	Wind Band	M1	AH
8.40 am	String Band	M3	ATH
1.10 pm	Jazz Band	M1	AN
1.15 pm	Middle School Choir	Hall	DB
4.00 pm	Chamber Choir	M1	DB
TUESDAYS			
8.40 am	Advanced Wind Ensemble	M3	AH
1.15 pm	Junior School Choir	JSH	SH
1.15 pm	Upper 3 Drama Club	Hall	JBC
WEDNESDAYS			
8.40 am	Tregear Trio	M4	ADB
1.00 pm	Junior Orchestra	JSH	
1.15 pm	Senior Choir	Hall	DB
THURSDAYS			
8.40 am	Bradley Trio	M3	ATH
8.45 am	Saxophone Quartet	M1	AN
1.15 pm	Chamber Orchestra	M1	ADB
4.00 pm	School Play	Hall	JBC
4.05 pm	Flute Choir	M1	JH
FRIDAYS			
8.40 am	Maynard Trio	M4	6th form / ADB
1.15 pm	Lower 4 Drama Club	Studio	AG
4.00 pm	Orchestra	Hall	ADB
4.00 pm	Middle School Play	Studio	JBC / AG



EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM

27-28 September

National Theatre 'Threepenny Opera' with accompanying Student Drama Conference for A-Level students
Friday 30 September 'A Pacifist's Guide..', Complicite - National Tour, Northcott Theatre

Friday 30 September

Wednesday 5 October

'The Boy Who Climbed Into The Moon', Theatre Alibi perform in school for Junior School and KS3

Monday 14 November

'The Woman in Black', National tour at The Northcott Theatre

Thursday 17 November

Autumn Concert, Gym, 7.30 pm

24-25 November

Upper 3/Lower 4 Play, Main Hall

28-29 November

Associated Board Exams

Monday 5 December

Lord Mayor's Carol Service, Exeter Cathedral

Tuesday 6 December

AS Play

Wednesday 7 December

Darts Farm Indulgence Evening

Thursday 8 December

GCSE Play

Tuesday 13 December

Prize Giving

Thursday 15 December

Carol Service

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 24 January

Showcase Concert, Main Hall, 5.00 pm

Friday 27 January

Flute Masterclass with Ian Clarke

Monday 30 January

Music Scholarship Auditions

Wednesday 1 February

Walter Daw Auditions

1-3 March

Whole School Production 2017

Tuesday 14 March

Devon Performing Arts Showcase, 5.00 pm

20-21 March

Associated Board Exams

Thursday 23 March

Performing Arts Spring Concert, Main Hall, 7.30 pm

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 9 May

Summer concert, Mint Methodist Church, 7.30 pm

22-23 May

Associated Board Exams

Thursday 25 May

Midsummer Music, Southernhay URC , 7.00 pm

Thursday 22 June

Showcase Concert, Main Hall, 5.00 pm

Thursday 6 - Friday 7 July

Sixth Form Play

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR MY DAUGHTER TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT AT THE MAYNARD?

Lessons can be arranged by contacting Miss Blackwell, the Director of Music and Performing Arts. Requests will be forwarded to the appropriate visiting Music Teacher who will timetable the new students as soon as possible.

WHEN DO LESSONS TAKE PLACE?

Lessons are timetabled on a rota system. All girls studying for public examinations (i.e. the Lower Fifth to Upper Sixth (Year 10 – Year 13) will have a fixed lesson time in either study periods, lunch time or single games lessons. All other students will be placed on a rota, missing a different academic lesson each week. Every effort is made to ensure that girls do not miss the same subject more than once a half-term.

It is the responsibility of the pupils to catch up any work that they have missed.

HOW MUCH DO LESSONS COST?

The fee for individual music lessons for the academic year 2016 – 2017 is £33 per hour (pro rata).

A term of 10 lessons will therefore cost the following:

20 minutes = £110

30 minutes = £165

40 minutes = £220

In addition, there is a termly administration charge of £1.75.

Fees may increase from 1st April each year. Notification will be sent during the term preceding an increase.

HOW LONG ARE THE LESSONS?

Lessons are generally 30 minutes in length. Lessons can vary in length according to the standard of the pupil with 20 minute lessons available for the beginner and longer lessons for more advanced students. Visiting music teachers are happy to advise on the suitable length of your daughter's lesson.

WHEN AND HOW DO I PAY FOR THE LESSONS?

The visiting Music Teachers, being self-employed, issue their own accounts. These will be sent termly, usually for a term of 10 lessons. This may vary if the term has been significantly longer or shorter. Visiting Music Teachers issue accounts mid-term and they include a 'payment due by' date. Please help our staff by paying by this date, otherwise reminders will be sent and a surcharge of 10% will be charged.

HOW DO I GIVE NOTICE THAT I WOULD LIKE MY DAUGHTER TO STOP HAVING LESSONS?

Parents should note that half a term's notice to visiting Music Teachers in writing is required should they wish to terminate individual instrumental lessons or change teachers within the department. If this is not received, half a term's fees will be charged in lieu of notice.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY DAUGHTER MISSES A LESSON?

If a lesson is missed because the school has organised an educational visit out of school you will not be charged. The school informs staff in advance of educational visits but, as a matter of courtesy, girls are asked to inform staff of such an absence in advance.

Lessons missed by the student for any other reason will be charged for. If your daughter misses her lesson due to illness please ensure that her instrumental teacher is informed either directly or by contacting the school office.

If a lesson is missed because the visiting Music Teacher is absent, the lesson will be rearranged as soon as possible. If this cannot be done you will not be charged for the missed lesson.

DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE AN INSTRUMENT THAT MY DAUGHTER CAN USE?

The school has a number of instruments for hire at £25 per term. Please include this in your request for lessons if you would like to hire an instrument. Once the instrument is on loan it is the responsibility of the hirer to take care of it and put right any damage that may occur. Extending house contents insurance to cover this is strongly advised.



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