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High School

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# Music Department Events

Summer Term 2019

## Music at Sydenham High School

Music at Sydenham High School is currently enjoying a renaissance. We aim to provide a platform for all our musicians to shine and develop their musical skills and potential. We believe that girls can make a lasting contribution to society through their music and so believe that music should be enjoyed, cherished and appreciated by everyone. We offer a rich co-curricular programme, which provides excellent opportunities for our budding musicians to perfect the art of ensemble and to perform at our many concerts and events, be that as a soloist or as a member of one of our ensembles.

As well as the dedicated Music Department, Sydenham High School has its own purpose-built Recital Hall with access to professional sound recording equipment. Concerts, both in school and in the local community, are a regular feature of the year. A wide range of ensembles for musicians of all abilities rehearse every week, either in a lunch time or after school. These include the Orchestra, the Mixed Wind Ensemble, Chamber Music ensembles, Jazz Band, Year 7 Choir, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir.

There are opportunities for girls to take individual lessons in all orchestral instruments as well as singing and piano. Over 200 instrumental lessons take place in the school every week, supported by 16 experienced Visiting Music Teachers with instrumental specialisms. The Music Department regularly offers music tours (trips to Paris for the Year 7 Choir and to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Las Vegas for the Senior Choir are currently being planned) and outings to enrich the musical experience here. Sydenham High School offers two Music Scholarships to girls joining in Year 7 and scholars take a leading part in the musical life of the school. Further information about Music Scholarships can be reached through the Director of Music, Ryan Hepburn ([r.hepburn@syd.gdst.net](mailto:r.hepburn@syd.gdst.net)). He is happy to discuss the music of Sydenham High School with prospective and current parents at any time.

## Music Department Staff

### Director of Music

Dr Ryan Hepburn, MA (Cantab.), PhD, ARCO, Cert. GSMD (perf.)

### Teacher of Music

Miss Stephanie Bloor, BMus, LRAM

### Choral Director

Miss Caroline Lenton-Ward, LRAM

## Visiting Music Teachers

Mr Mario Basilisco	PGDip, BMus	Violin
Ms Karen Bertolaccini	PGCE	Flute
Ms Jenni Britton	BMus, PGDip, LTCL	Oboe
Ms Myrtle Bruce-Mitford	LRAM, ARCM	Cello
Mr Francis Christou	LRAM, ARCM	Clarinet
Ms Lisa Evans	DipRCM, ARCM	Harp
Mr Andrew Harper	BMus, QTS, LTCL	Violin & Viola
Ms Luisa Lale	MMus	Saxophone
Mr Andrew Law	BMus, PgDip, PGCE	Piano
Miss Caroline Lenton-Ward	LRAM	Voice
Mr Barnaby Medland	MA, BMus, LRAM	Trombone
Mr Carlos Olmos	BMus	Guitar
Mr Simon Roth	BA	Drums & Percussion
Ms Joanna Rutt	BMus	Piano
Ms Katie Smith	BMus	Trumpet
Ms Paula Wyatt	DipRCM	Violin

Celebrity Gala Concert:  
Emma Johnson (clarinet)  
and Sydenham High School  
Chamber Choir



Sydenham High School  
Young Musician of the Year

Heat for Singers and  
Pianists



**Tuesday 7 May,  
7.00pm**

**Recital Hall,  
Sydenham High School**

Join Sydenham High School's Chamber Choir as they give the world premiere performance of four new carols for female voices and clarinet with composer and internationally-renowned clarinettist Emma Johnson.

An event not to be missed.

Event open to parents and guests.

**Wednesday 8 May,  
8.00-9.00am and 12.30-1.30pm**

**Recital Hall,  
Sydenham High School**

The first series of heats open to girls at the school offering them the opportunity to compete for a place in the prestigious competition final on Tuesday 14 May.

## Sydenham High School Young Musician of the Year

Heat for String, Wind, Brass and  
Percussion players



**Thursday 9 May,  
8.00-9.00am and 12.30-1.30pm**

**Recital Hall,  
Sydenham High School**

The Competition heats continue as girls battle it out to win a place in the Music Department's Music Competition Final.

## Sydenham High School Young Musician of the Year Final



**Tuesday 14 May,  
5.00pm**

**Recital Hall, Sydenham High  
School**

Join the Music Department as they celebrate the talents of girls chosen from their heats to compete for a place as Sydenham High School's junior and senior Young Musician of the Year.

Event open to parents and guests.

## Lunchtime Concert I



**Wednesday 15 May,  
1.15pm**

**Music Department Foyer,  
Sydenham High School**

A new series of informal lunchtime performance opportunities for girls, within which they have the scope to deliver the most polished diploma exam piece, or simply try out repertoire as work-in-progress. Open to all girls and followed by refreshments in the Music Department Foyer.

## Lunchtime Concert II



**Wednesday 22 May,  
1.15pm**

**Music Department Foyer,  
Sydenham High School**

The second informal lunchtime performance opportunity for girls, during which they can perform to their friends and teachers in any repertoire of their choosing. Open to all girls and followed by refreshments in the Music Department Foyer.

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**Key Dates:**

**Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 May: ABRSM Music exams**

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## Lunchtime Concert III



**Wednesday 12 June,  
1.15pm**

**Main School Entrance Foyer,  
Sydenham High School**

Minimalism's Magic! The third and final offering of lunchtime concerts relocates to the main entrance Foyer of the Senior School for performances of music in a minimalist style.

## GCSE Music composition workshop (Year 10)



**Wednesday 12 June,  
4.00pm**

**Recital Hall/Music  
Technology Classroom,**

Year 10 GCSE Music students work with visiting professional composers on their coursework compositions, receiving invaluable feedback and advice on what goes into the process of composing a successful and memorable musical work.

## Brazilian and Afro-Cuban Percussion Workshops



Wednesday 19 June,  
9.00-11.20am

Recital Hall, Sydenham High  
School

Musicians in Miss Bloor's  
Year 8 receive coaching from  
resident music staff and  
visiting Latin American  
percussionists on Brazilian  
and Afro-Cuban drumming.

Thursday 20 June,  
1.40-2.40pm

Recital Hall, Sydenham High  
School

Musicians in Dr Hepburn's  
Year 8 receive coaching from  
resident music staff and  
visiting Latin American  
percussionists on Brazilian  
and Afro-Cuban drumming.



## 'Stage and Screen' Concert: Hollywood & Broadway in sound



**Monday 24 June,  
7.00pm**

**Longton Hall, Sydenham  
High School**

The final major concert of the year, featuring soloists and ensembles from across the Senior School, including – if the weather allows – some al fresco performances.

With music taken from hit musicals and films, the evening promises to offer something for everyone and to be the perfect opportunity to celebrate the summer season!

Event open to parents and guests.

## Senior School Prizegiving



**Tuesday 2 July,  
1.30-3.00pm**

**Sports Hall, Sydenham High  
School**

As the end of the school year approaches we celebrate the successes and achievements of our pupils, featuring musicians and performers at this special event.





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# Music Department Events

Summer Term 2019

## Music at Sydenham High Prep School

Whilst specialist music teaching is provided to all Prep School pupils from Reception, this is only the start of the exciting musical opportunities we offer.

Our Co-Curricular Clubs programme offers a range of choir, ensemble and percussion groups for pupils to join as well as a range of one-to-one peripatetic music teaching. Many of our pupils study Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examinations in a variety of instruments including strings, woodwind and brass.

Pupils working beyond Grade 1 are welcome to apply for a place in our vibrant Prep School Orchestra. Each term, we host formal and informal performances in which pupils not only showcase their talents but develop the confidence to perform before an audience. All pupils from years 3-6 belong to a choir and pupils in year 5 and year 6 can audition for a place in our Chamber Choir.

We aim to foster a love of music-making among all our pupils. We are proud that our programme offers opportunities open to all as well as audition-only activities, which allow us to pursue an exceptionally high standard of musical accomplishment.

## Music Department Staff

Ms Biann Duval, MA (OU), BMus (Lancs), PGCE

Mr Bruce Welch, BMus (Canterbury), PGCE

## Visiting Music Teachers

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Ms Karen Bertolaccini	PGCE	Flute
Ms Jenni Britton	BMus, PGDip, LTCL	Oboe
Ms Myrtle Bruce-Mitford	LRAM, ARCM	Cello
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Mr Andrew Law	BMus, PgDip, PGCE	Piano
Miss Caroline Lenton-Ward	LRAM	Voice
Mr Barnaby Medland	MA, BMus, LRAM	Trombone
Mr Carlos Olmos	BMus	Guitar
Mr Simon Roth	BA	Drums & Percussion
Ms Joanna Rutt	BMus	Piano
Ms Katie Smith	BMus	Trumpet
Ms Paula Wyatt	DipRCM	Violin

## Andrew Law: Prep Pupils Concert



**Tuesday 21 May,  
3.00pm**

**Prep School Library,  
Sydenham High Prep School**

Join Visiting Music Teacher Andrew Law as he presents a short informal concert featuring his pupils performing a charming variety of pieces.

Event open to parents and guests.

## Year 6 play: A Midsummer Night's Dream



**Wednesday 22 May &  
Thursday 23 May, 7.00pm**

**Westwood Theatre,  
Sydenham High School**

The Year 6 pupils present this most cherished of Shakespeare's comedies set in an enchanted forest complete with fairies, sparring lovers and some amateur actors who put on a play.

Event open to parents and guests.

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## Prep School Solo & Orchestral Concert



**Thursday 6 June,  
2.30-3.15pm**

**Recital Hall, Sydenham High  
School**

Join the Prep School musicians as they offer a showcase of solos and orchestral pieces in the Senior School's Recital Hall.

## Prep School Orchestra Assembly



**Thursday 13 June,  
8.35-9.00am**

**Prep School Hall, Sydenham  
High Prep School**

The Prep School Orchestra entertains the Prep School pupils and staff in this brief Assembly performance.

Event open to parents and guests.

## Little Stars Concert



Wednesday 19 June,  
2.30-3.15pm

Recital Hall, Sydenham High  
School

Musicians from the Prep School visit the Senior School Recital Hall once again as they present their much-loved Little Stars Concert.

Event open to parents and guests.

## Campfire Songs



Tuesday 25 June,  
3.00-3.30pm

Outdoor Classroom,  
Sydenham High Prep School

The ever-popular Campfire Songs concert returns to the Prep School's Outdoor Classroom. This brief, informal musical get-together showcasing the Prep School's singing is an ideal way to enjoy the longer evenings.

Event open to parents and guests.

## Prep School Prizegiving



**Monday 1 July,  
2.00-3.30pm**

**Sports Hall,  
Sydenham High School**

Parents, staff and students of the Prep School celebrate the year's achievements with the annual Prize Giving. Come and celebrate the multitude of successes and achievements of Sydenham High School's youngest pupils.

Event open to parents and guests.

