



The
Felsted
Schools

Music at Felsted



ENABLING FELSTEDIANS TO ACHIEVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL BEST

Music at Felsted

Music is part of the fabric that makes up Felsted life and has been for many years. Both Felsted School and Felsted Preparatory School have broad opportunities for musicians of all types – our main aim is that everyone who wants to be involved musically can be accommodated. All pupils are involved in some way, whether it is singing in Chapel, the Inter-House Singing Competition or through individual musical interest.

Felsted musicians are supported by five full time members of staff and over 20 visiting instrumental and vocal teachers. Tuition is available in a wide range of instruments ranging from the violin and harp through to bagpipes and the electric guitar!

Singing plays a hugely important role throughout the Schools both in Chapel and in more informal settings. Elsewhere, the Schools boast a number of orchestras, string ensembles, wind and brass groups, which currently include:

Symphony Orchestra • String Orchestra • Wind Band • Jazz Band • Full Chapel Choir • The 20 Chamber Choir • Wind Quintet • Brass Ensemble • String Quartet • Piano Trios • Steel Band • Various Chamber Ensembles.

Music Scholars

Music Scholars at Felsted are nurtured and challenged in a supporting environment where talents are able to flourish. Music Scholars work hard, but all is done to make the experience enjoyable and well balanced with other areas of school life.

Scholars have many opportunities to perform at numerous School events, on tour and at external events. They are also guided through music exams and many take Music GCSE or A Level. Whilst some Scholars may take their academic studies forward in a different direction, many Felstedians have gone on to study Music post Felsted.

We currently have Old Felstedians studying at Trinity College of Music, King's College London and Goldsmiths College London.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available at entry ages 11, 13 and 16, with auditions taking place in February of each year. Candidates need to possess potential in two or more instruments which might include voice. The key benefits of a Music Scholarship are:

- Up to 20% of the fees with additional support on a means tested basis
- Up to 2 free music lessons per week
- Opportunities to develop and perform
- Music GCSE, A Level and International Baccalaureate offered
- Music Technology A Level
- Scholars' badge or tie

State-of-the-art Music School

Our new £3 million custom built Music School delivers an outstanding environment for pupils to study, practice and perform music. A large recital hall, home to a Steinway Model B Grand Piano, accommodates an audience of over two hundred people and provides outstanding acoustics.

Two dedicated academic music classrooms, a recording studio, percussion suite and numerous teaching and practice rooms make it a vibrant place to be.



“Our new music school represents a huge vote of confidence on the part of Felsted School. This new facility provides a wonderful opportunity to provide first class teaching, practice and performance facilities to all of our pupils.”

James Lowry, Director of Music





"The Music Department has opened up opportunities for me and challenged me in ways I had never been before."

Rory, Music Scholar

Testimonials



James Lowry,
*Director of Music,
Felsted School*

"My work in the Music Department over the past 7 years has been a constant and absolute pleasure. Time after time we present soloists and ensembles with incredibly demanding repertoire and they never fail to respond with enthusiasm and real commitment. I am still amazed at the standards we manage to achieve together in concerts and examinations."



Becky Money,
OF Music Scholar

"The Music Department is one of the friendliest in the school and the family atmosphere makes everyone feel welcome. The strong relationships between the teachers and pupils make the lessons interesting, fun and really enjoyable which is what music at Felsted is all about."



Alexander Irminger,
Music Scholar

"The music school is an auspicious environment in which it is fun to learn both instruments and the subject. The staff are supportive and friendly, making the music school a great place to study and practice."



Owen Rees,
*Director of Music,
Felsted Preparatory School*

"Music at Felsted is about opportunity, enjoyment and fulfilment for all pupils. It is an integral part of Prep School life and I am enormously proud of the standard our pupils are able to achieve."



James Halfhide,
Music Scholar

"I am the key flautist in Years 7 and 8 and I enjoy my leadership position in the Senior Orchestra, Wind Band and Jazz Band. I also really enjoy playing the guitar in our Rock Band, the Record Breakers. Our Director of Music is fun, inspiring and very talented himself."



David Oxnam,
Parent

"It is always a great treat to attend Felsted's musical events. A particular highlight for me during the latest music tour to Paris was when a member of the audience simply couldn't believe the chamber choir was not professional – or at least from a specialist music school!"

Calendar of Regular Events



Events in red are Felsted Preparatory School Events Events in blue are Felsted School Events

Autumn Term

A Little Night Music - Solo/Chamber Items, light style
St Cecilia's Concert - Orchestra, Wind Band & all major Groups
House Singing Competitions
Carol Service - 9 traditional lessons and carols
Guitar Concert

String and Brass Workshops - Coaching by professional musicians
Carol Service - by Yrs 5-8

Spring Term

Felsted Arts Festival - a number of high profile music events
Food of Love - Light solo/Chamber music by Yrs 9-11
Soloists' Concert - Solo and Chamber performances by the best musicians
Senior Musicians' Concert - Performances by 6th Form pupils
Spring Concert - Orchestra, Wind Band & all big groups
Workshop Day - Coaching by professional musicians
Swing into Spring - performances by Yrs 5-8
Pre-Prep Instrumental Concert - performances by Reception-Yr 2 pupils
Spring Concert - performances by Yrs 3 & 4

Summer Term

Internal Music Competitions - Prizes for piano, voice, organs and Strings
Music for a Summer's Evening - Dinner, Music & Dancing
Junior Musicians' Concert - Performances by Yrs 9-11
Prize Winners' Concert - Held on Speech Day
Summer Concert - performances by Yrs 5-8
Piano Concert - performances by Yrs 5-8
Music Concert - by Yrs 3 & 4

In addition, pupils regularly perform at local music festivals and events.

Music Tours

Felsted musicians have toured to Barcelona, Dublin, Boston and Paris over recent years. A particular highlight was The 20 Choir receiving a standing ovation for their stunning performance in Eglise Madeleine in Paris.

The Directors of Music are always happy to meet and discuss music scholarships with prospective parents and pupils.

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