



Dulwich High School
of Visual Arts & Design



MUSIC ENSEMBLES & LESSONS AT DHSVAD 2018

CHAMBER GROUP

MONDAY 3:00pm – 4:15pm in the Music Room

This ensemble caters to acoustic guitarists, orchestral string players (violin, viola, cello and double bass), woodwind (including recorder), brass and percussion instruments. This group will perform a range of repertoire suited directly to the level and instrumentation of the group.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

TUESDAY 7:30am – 8:40am in the Music Room

Members of this ensemble have the opportunity to learn correct vocal technique and to experience fantastic and enjoyable performance opportunities, including school musicals and In Concert. Singers of all ranges and abilities are welcome.

ROCK BAND

WEDNESDAY 3:00pm – 4:15pm in the Music Room

This session is open to both students who are part of an existing band and students wanting to form bands. Typical instruments include electric guitar, electric bass, keyboards, drum kit and vocals, but may also include horns and percussion. Sessions are run by musician, composer and producer John Prior, and singer-songwriter Paul Kougias.

STAGE BAND

THURSDAY 7:30am – 8:40am in the Music Room

Stage band is an ensemble for advanced & senior musicians and therefore is by invitation or audition only. The instruments in the Stage Band include saxes, trumpets, trombones and a rhythm section including piano, guitar, bass and drums. Students in Stage Band are expected to play in the Concert Band as mentors for junior students.

CONCERT BAND

FRIDAY 7:30am – 8:40am in the Music Room

Members of this ensemble are of beginner to intermediate standard on their instrument. Students have the opportunity to learn ensemble skills by exploring a range of repertoire.

Instruments usually played in a concert band include:

Woodwind: Flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet (and bass clarinet) & saxophone (alto, tenor and baritone).

Brass: Trumpet, trombone, euphonium, french horn, tenor horn, baritone & tuba.

Percussion: Drum kit, glockenspiel, xylophone, timpani, percussion, keyboard & bass guitar.



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FEES & CONTRACTS

Students in music ensembles are required to read the policy for the relevant ensemble and to sign a contract. The policy for each ensemble outlines the commitment required to be a member of that ensemble which includes regular rehearsal attendance, taking care of hired instruments (if applicable), financial commitment etc.

All students belonging to music ensembles are required to pay a **music ensemble fee of \$200 per year**, with the exception of Rock Band which is a community initiative. Students belonging to more than one ensemble are only required to pay one set of music ensemble fees. If financial assistance is required, please contact the school.

Hiring Instruments: Students in the band will be required to pay additional fees in the case of hiring an instrument. Please refer to the Hire Policy document for further details. The music department has a limited number of instruments to hire. If the school does not have an instrument, the school will try to arrange one through **The Arts Unit**. Parents can alternatively hire instruments directly from **The Arts Unit**, or from local music shops such as *Sax and Woodwind* on Mallett Street, Camperdown, which also have rent-to-buy schemes.

MUSIC TUTORS

All students in both Concert Band and Stage Band are required to have private lessons on their instrument with a tutor on a weekly basis. We have a list of tutors for strings, brass, woodwind, percussion, guitar and voice. The students contact the tutors and negotiate the lesson time and venue, and the lesson rate is set by the tutor. All fees are paid directly to the tutor. See the music teachers for the tutor list and for further information regarding instrumental and vocal tuition.

CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

Communication to students and parents about music ensembles and tuition will be in the form of hard-copy notes and digital communication through the School ENews app. Some ensembles also have their own Google Classroom group run by their director allowing distribution of practice parts and reminders. Speak to the relevant director for information on how to join the Google Classroom for that group.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the music faculty below:

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