

## **Tring School Music Department**

Music is a major strength of Tring School and the standard of music both in curriculum time and in our flourishing extra-curricular programme is a great source of pride. Music plays a central part in the life of the school and every pupil is encouraged to take part. At all Key Stages, we aspire for our pupils to become creative, self-confident individuals, with a passion for music of all genres.

### **Staffing**

We currently have 2 full time members of teaching staff, 12 visiting instrumental teachers, as well as technical and admin support.

### **Teaching**

The department offers two hours of teaching a fortnight at KS3 to ensure maximum provision to pave the way for future musical education. Throughout Year 7, 8 and 9, we teach musical skill through a broad range of styles including popular music, explored through Keyboard skills, Ukuleles, Guitars, Djembes and Instruments of the Orchestra. At GCSE, we deliver the Edexcel specification, and currently have a strong cohort of 19 in our Year 11 class. We continue to teach the Edexcel syllabus at A level with a strong uptake. We fully embrace the fact that we are Google School, and use google-based cloud software like Soundtrap and flat.io at both GCSE and A level to support students learning.

We celebrate some fantastic results in the music department, with a number of students achieving up to grade 9s at GCSE and As at A-level. Several of our students choose to study Music at University and many of our past pupils still enjoy performing and teaching. Instrumental lessons take place every day in the department and are taught by a specialists. These are offered on a rotation basis and we encourage pupils to perform in recital concerts and we are always celebrating exam successes for pupils taking both Trinity and ABRSM exams.

### **Facilities**

We have two fully equipped teaching rooms, with a keyboard for every student in each classroom, and class sets of guitars, ukuleles. We have been lucky enough to have received several grants over the last three years and now own a Grand piano, recording equipment, and many instruments for use during classroom lessons, including a class set of brass instruments. We have numerous practice rooms that students and instrumental teachers use to practice and teach in.

### **Extra Curricular**

We are very proud of our strong extra curricular provision and the opportunities that we offer outside of curriculum time for students. The department provides numerous opportunities for students to participate in many different types of performances within school, in the local community, and further afield. An extensive range of groups is on offer and students are actively encouraged to participate in as many of these as possible, some of them being student led.

There are currently several choirs; senior and junior, as well as a male voice choir, and a show choir. We offer an Orchestra as well as junior orchestra, a swing band and rock and

pop group, as well as numerous smaller ensembles, such as flute group, string group and guitar group.

All these ensembles regularly perform at school concerts as well as numerous events across Tring and collaborative projects across Hertfordshire Schools. We have strong links with the Drama department, putting on musicals or productions every two or three years, which are well attended and delivered to an extremely high standard.

We work closely with the community, often performing at local fairs, for example Aldbury, as well as numerous Christmas events and festivals. Many of our pupils further their musical education outside of the classroom, attending local choirs, orchestra and rock groups, which we support and welcome to perform at concerts at School. We hold a concert at Christmas, and work with our yearly awards evening 'Pride of Tring' including a small festival stage in the summer, and numerous opportunities to perform in lunchtime concerts and recital evenings. We are also very proud of our 'Open Mic Nights' which encourage students of all years to be involved and perform.



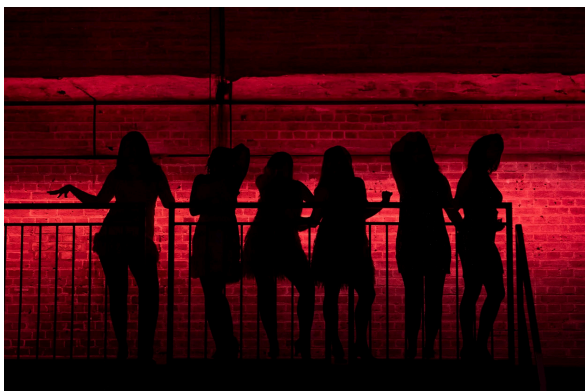


## Moving forwards

Tring School Music Department is a warm and vibrant department and aims to create a learning environment that is enjoyable, inspirational and engaging. We pride ourselves on our student leadership in Music and many extra curricular groups are assisted by Sixth Former students with a passion for encouraging younger students to access music at all levels. As a department, we aspire to deliver a curriculum that not only fosters all our students' musical and intellectual curiosity, but also provides every child with the opportunity to become an active member of a musical world. We will continue to develop provision, create more opportunities for performance, and celebrate our students' musical talents.

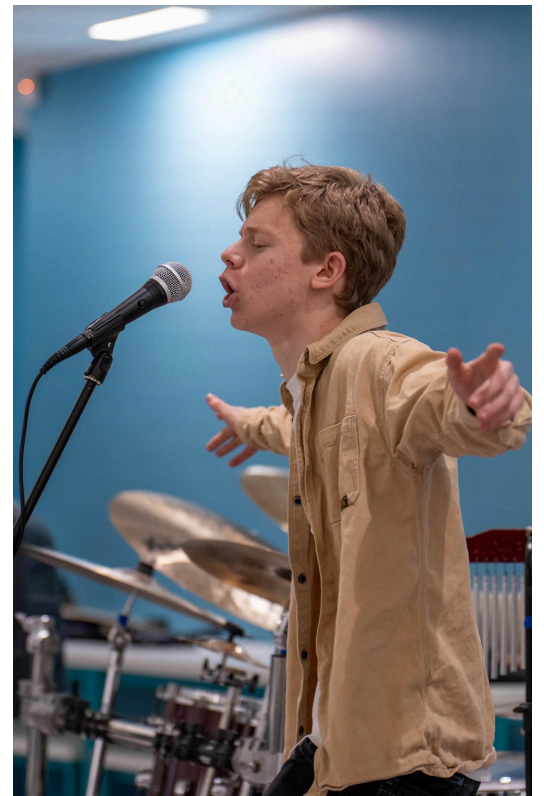
### **School Production 2024**

#### ***Little Shop of Horrors* at The David Evans Court Theatre, Pendley Tring**





## Music Department Open Mic Nights





## Music Department Trips



Please contact Eleanor McFadden, Head of Music, if you would like a preliminary visit.

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