



# Ravens Wood School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mr Nicholas Grant
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr Matthew French
Name of local music hub	Bromley Youth Music Trust

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education. Further details can be viewed on the Music page of the school website [Music - Ravens Wood School - Committed to Excellence](#)

### Part A: Curriculum music

In Music we have the Ravens Wood vision at heart of our curriculum planning and it has informed the learning journey of our students. Our vision in Music is for all students to explore music through a combination of 'doing' practical activities and gaining 'knowledge' of vocabulary, concepts and culture. The ultimate goal is to get Ravens Wood students making music, be it individually, as part of a group, on an instrument, with the voice or electronically: active participation in and appreciation of music. The motto for the department is 'Music for life, music for all'.

At Ravens Wood School our Music Department offer a broad, varied and timetabled curriculum of Music to all Key Stage 3 students (Years 7-9). All students have 1 hour of Music education per week with a specialist Music Teacher. The Curriculum is based around the Model Music Curriculum which allows students to study a range of instruments and styles of music. Students will have opportunities to play the keyboard/piano, African Drums, Samba Drums, Ukuleles, guitars, orchestral instruments and sing. Topics within the curriculum include Caribbean Music, Film Music, Electronic Music, Instruments of the Orchestra and World Music. We offer GCSE Music (KS4), Music A Level and Music Technology A Level (KS5). See the Music Curriculum page for more details: [Music - Ravens Wood School - Committed to Excellence](#)



## Part B: Co-curricular music

All students in all Key Stages are eligible for private music lessons provided by our local music hub teachers (Bromley Youth Music Trust). Students can learn piano, strings, woodwind, brass, guitar & bass, drums & percussion and singing.

Ravens Wood offers an extensive range of enrichment groups for both experienced and new musicians, including choirs, orchestra/concert band and a jazz band. We have a range of smaller groups, such as a saxophone, guitar and percussion club. We review ensembles each year, and this year we have added a Ukulele group as well as a Music Technology club. Rehearsals and groups run at lunchtime and after school. For more experienced musicians in Key Stage 5, we have the elite Music Academy, which offers students the opportunity to perform at many whole school events, such as open days and assemblies, as well as providing coaching for grade exams to help students gain UCAS points for university.

The Music Department has 3 fully equipped teaching classrooms with 16 student computers hosting Band Lab, Muse Score and FL Studio. The department have a drum kit, piano, guitars, ukuleles and access to most orchestral instruments. We have a dedicated Music Technology room with Apple Macs, running Logic pro which is connected to a music studio and a control room. We have 4 practice rooms for private lessons and individual practice, as well as access to the Drama studios for small performances. At Ravens Wood, we have a recital room for larger rehearsals with a grand piano, amplifiers and a PA system. This space is also used by the Music Academy for their bespoke sessions with music staff. For events we use our Main Hall, which has a Yamaha Grand Piano, digital lighting and sound equipment and holds up to 600 people. We also use the garden area for outdoor events such as our festival, Ravens Wood Stock.

## Part C: Musical Performances

The following key music and performance events are scheduled for the academic year 2024-2025:

- **GCSE Performance Exams** for Year 11 students will take place on Tuesday, 19th November 2024, by appointment.
- **GCSE Concert** is on 3rd December 2024 at 6pm in the Drama Studio, compulsory for GCSE Music students. Families and friends are welcome free of charge.
- **Christmas Concerts** will be held on Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th December 2024 at 6.30pm in the Main Hall.
- **A Level Concert** on Tuesday, 21st January 2025 at 6pm in the Drama Studio. Families and friends are welcome free of charge.
- **Bromley School Proms** at Fairfield Halls – March 2025
- **Spring Concert** on Tuesday, 18th March 2025 at 6.30pm in the Main School Hall
- **School Show** will be held on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday, 3rd April 2024 at 7pm in the Main School Hall.
- **Performing Arts Awards** on Thursday, 7th May 2024 at 6pm in the Main Hall
- **Young Soloist of the Year Competition – Round 1** will take place during the week commencing 5th May 2025, compulsory for Year 10 GCSE Music students and open to all students in Years 7-10.
- **Young Soloist Finalists' Concert** on Thursday, 19th June 2025 at 6pm in the Drama Studio. Finalists will be contacted directly, and families and friends are welcome free of charge.
- **Ravens Wood Stock** on Wednesday, 2nd July 2025 at 6.30pm in the garden, with tickets available from 1st June via ParentPay.



## **In the Future**

As a department, we continuously update and create schemes of work reflecting the ever-changing music industry and needs of pupils. We also track trends and instrumental lessons to make the most of our extensive enrichment programme, adding or changing groups to fit each new academic year. This year we are working with the Drama Department to produce a whole school production of The Jungle Book, and we continue to evolve our school productions over the coming years. As well as expand the Music Academy into a Performing Arts Academy, to work with other disciplines such as acting and dancing. We work with our local Music Hub as well as collaborating with other schools within our academy trust and will be representing Ravens Wood at the Bromley School Proms, at the Fairfield Halls, in March.