

# Hinchingsbrooke School Music Department

It has been a busy few weeks for the Music Department with many exciting lessons, events, concerts and opportunities for our young people.

## NEWS...

*We would like to congratulate Zoe Perkins Y12 and Rob Burton Y11. Zoe on gaining a place in the highly prestigious National Youth Orchestra and Rob on gaining a place in the National Youth Wind Orchestra of Great Britain. Well done!*

*Our Music Leaders have made a great start to the academic year, by setting up a flute choir and organising the Autumn Concert.*

*We have welcomed two new instrumental teachers to our team this year. Tim Slater is an excellent, professional electric guitarist, and the inspirational Joe McGlohan has started teaching clarinet and saxophone to some of our young people.*

**RECRUITING NOW!** We always welcome new members to all our choirs and ensembles and are particularly keen to promote the following to you:

**HINCHINGBROOKE COMMUNITY CHOIR** – rehearsals every Friday, 3.45-5.00pm in the Music Department. Everyone welcome – students, staff, parents, friends etc.

**POP CHOIR** – rehearsals every Wednesday lunch time in the Music Department. All KS3 students welcome.

**ORCHESTRA** – rehearsals every Monday 3.40-4.45pm. Everyone welcome, staff and parents included.

## Forthcoming Events:

Friday 28 November – Bosendorfer Concert (*Chartwells*)

Wednesday 12 November – Glastonbrooke unplugged (*sixth form students*)

Tuesday 9 December – Trip to King's College, Cambridge for the annual Carols at Christmas. (*Sixth form music students only*)

Tuesday 9 December – Concert for the Huntingdonshire Historical Society

Wednesday 10 December – Civil Carol Concert in Huntingdon

Wednesday 17 December – A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, at the PAC, 7pm

**KS3 LESSONS** Our 'new-look' KS3 lessons began this year, with each student having their own learning booklet which contains their schemes of work. Exciting skills such as guitar playing, keyboard playing, singing, music technology and Reggae await our budding young musicians.

**RECORDING STUDIO** Huge thanks to our site team, particularly the amazing Phil Souter, who gave up endless hours to create our new recording studio. Phil's expertise and dedication has meant we now have a fully-functional, top-end studio which will enhance our students' education, particularly those studying Music Technology at A Level.

**ALBERT LEE PERFORMANCE** The legendary guitarist Albert Lee performed and spoke about his musical experiences at the packed-out PAC in October. Thanks to Paul Ingrey for organising the event.

**ROYAL PHILHARMONIC** Mrs Cooke and Mrs Nichols took 13 A Level Music and Music Technology students to hear the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra perform in October. What a fantastic evening and an unforgettable performance. Thanks to parents Mr Owers and Mrs Langley for accompanying us.

**AUTUMN CONCERT** The Orchestra, Swing Band, Fusion Band, Guitar Orchestra, Flute Choir, Pop Choir, A Level students and the Hinchingsbrooke Community Choir all came together to celebrate the end of the first half-term with a wonderful concert. Thanks to the Music Leaders who organised the concert.

**PIANO MASTERCLASS** Naomi Longhurst (Y13), Robert Burton (Y11) and Joanna Chen (Y13) all performed brilliantly for Masayuki Tayama, who critiqued their playing. Masayuki then played an engaging and thoroughly entertaining concert in the evening.

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