

# KING ALFRED SCHOOL

## PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR



## DRAMA DEPARTMENT

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Key Stages 4 & 5, A-level & UAL  
 Key Stage 5, A-level & UAL  
  
 Key Stages 3 & 4 & UAL  
 Key Stage 3, LAMDA  
 LAMDA  
 Theatre Technician  
 Dance  
 Performing Arts Administrator

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Key Stage 3, GCSE & A-level Music  
 Key Stage 3, GCSE & A-level Music Technology  
 Key Stages 3 & 5, GCSE & A-level Music, UAL  
 Lower School Music Specialist  
 A-level Music

# INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

The visiting music teachers (VMTs) offer lessons to students in **Year 2/3 and above** (instrument dependent). Our VMTs are listed below alongside which instruments they offer. Lessons are usually 35 minutes long and charged for in advance (fees below). With the agreement of parents or guardians and availability of suitable lesson times within the VMT's timetable, lessons can be of a shorter or longer duration to suit the needs of the student. The VMTs aim to deliver a minimum of 30 lessons spread evenly over the academic year. Students in public examination years are taught off timetable (e.g. before/after school, during break/lunch or during a study period); all other lessons rotate on a weekly basis.

To sign up for instrumental lessons, please complete our registration form via the King Alfred School website (below). After registering your interest, students are added to our waiting list at which point we will be in touch to inform you on lesson availability. Please note that Lower School students with 2 or more extra-curricular lessons per week may need to liaise with class teachers/Karen before committing to more lessons.

After students are allocated from the waiting list, the VMTs operate their own timetables and make arrangements for lessons directly with parents and students using Practice Pal - a music managing software for teachers, students and parents that collates all information (scheduling, timetables, lesson feedback and practice notes) in one place. In addition to that, Practice Pal also sends reminders for upcoming lessons, as well as lesson feedback and practice notes via email.

Registration form: <https://www.kingalfred.org.uk/instrumental-lamda-lessons/>

All other enquiries: [instrumentallessons@kingalfred.org.uk](mailto:instrumentallessons@kingalfred.org.uk)

Lydia Aoki: piano  
 Sophia Russell-Belgrave: piano  
 Joe McGrail: piano  
 Daniel Broad: singing  
 Sarah Carter: singing  
 Christina Gill: singing  
 Nell Buckingham: singing  
 Robert Greenfield: guitar  
 David Quirke: guitar  
 Maciek Pysz: guitar  
 Leo Richardson: clarinet, saxophone  
 Hannah Lang: flute, recorder, music theory  
 Nick Marangoni: drum kit  
 Jack Backer: drum kit  
 Richard Wade: violin, viola, music theory  
 Sam Warner: trumpet, trombone  
 Helena Švigelj: cello

## Instrumental & music theory lesson fees 2023-24

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS	
Hourly Rate	£56.26
35 min lesson:	£32.82
35 min lessons in pairs:	£21.96
35 min lessons in threes:	£16.01
MUSIC THEORY	
Grade 1 & 2 classes	£6.02
Grade 3 & 4 classes	£6.50
Grade 5 and above	£7.53
Fast Track theory (in a group of 4 or more)	£11.29

## LAMDA

Our LAMDA teachers, Tammy Cornish and Jacquelynn Poole, offer lessons in both the Performance and Communications LAMDA syllabi, including Acting, Verse and Prose, Speaking in Public, Devising, Mime, and Musical Theatre. Students from Year Reception to 13 can take exams from Introductory to PCert. LAMDA grades 6-8 are also accredited with UCAS points.

Lessons are taught in 35 minute sessions, are fixed weekly, and taught either individually, in pairs or in a group of up to 4 students. The aim is to spread sessions evenly throughout the academic year and students in public examination years (11 & 13) are taught off-timetable. Instrumental lesson fees apply (see page 2).

To sign up for LAMDA, please complete our registration form via the King Alfred School website (below). After registering your interest, students are automatically added to our waiting list at which point we will be in touch to inform you on lesson availability. After students are allocated from the waiting list, Tammy and Jacquelynn operate their own timetables and make arrangements for lessons directly with parents and students.

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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

We offer a wide range of activities to suit musicians of all ages and abilities. Below is a timetable of the weekly Drama & Music extra-curricular activities offered at KAS. Please note: students involved in these activities can pick up a lunch pass from the Music/Drama office during break-time so they do not have to wait in line for lunch.

	Club	Time	Teacher	Room
Mon	KAS Bellas	Break 11:00-11:25	Nell	Music Room
	Orchestra	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Richard & Neven	Drama Studio
	Rock Band	Lunch 13:30-14:10	David & Jack	Music Room
Tues	Baby Bellas	Break 11:00-11:25	Nell	Music Room
	Music Tech Club	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Dan	Music Room
Wed	Jazz Band	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Leo, Sam & Neven	Music Room
	Jazz Choir	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Nell	Drama Studio
Thurs	Middle School Choir	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Neven	Music Room
	Rock Bands	After School 16:00	Rob	Music Room



# OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM

## UPPER SCHOOL

- The termly Soloists Concerts are intended to showcase musicians who are experienced performers with repertoire prepared to a high standard. Students must be nominated by either a VMT (for students who learn at KAS) or a parent/guardian (for those who take lessons externally). Nell Buckingham oversees these concerts to ensure that opportunities to perform are distributed as evenly as possible. Students should be ready to rehearse one week before the published concert date.
- Axe Monsters and Unplugged are organised by Dan Aarons to showcase Upper School musicians. Both events provide the ideal preparation for students to perform at KASonbury, the school's summer music festival. Axe Monsters features school bands, with electro-acoustic music reserved for Unplugged.
- The Christmas and Spring Concerts are arranged by the Director of Music to showcase selected soloists and Upper School choirs and ensembles.
- Workshops are for selected students in Lower and Upper Schools.
- KASonbury is a whole-school celebration organised by parent/staff. Information will be published about this event during the Spring Term.
- ISTA ( International Schools Theatre Association) Drama Residential Trips Middle School and GCSE years.
- The Senior School Show and Middle School Show are usually the highlight of the calendar year.



## LOWER SCHOOL

- Hammerhead concert: organised by Dave (guitar), and Jack (drums) for budding Lower School bands.
- Lower School Spring Concert: organised by Camilla to showcase lower school musicians.
- Seasonal Songs Concerts: for whole of lower school in combined year groups.
- Watford Festival: Y6 choir presents the children with a unique opportunity to raise the bar and sing two contrasting songs in 3-parts in a competition with other North London schools.
- Peripatetic Concerts: organised by the instrumental and singing teachers for their pupils.
- Big Sings: for infants.
- Lower School Callovers: a weekly platform for children to practice performing in an informal and encouraging setting.

## GRADED MUSIC EXAMS & FEES

KAS students may be entered for graded music exams, with the fees charged in arrears to the student's termly bill. For students who take lessons at the school, the VMT is responsible for consulting with parents or guardians and making the exam entry.

### ABRSM

**Practical graded music exams** are offered to students from Grades 1 to 8, as well as a pre-Grade 1 Initial Grade for some instruments. These take place in person on school site. There is usually one exam day each term where students will have to opportunity to sit these exams (dependent on interest).

**Music Theory exams** at Grades 1 to 5 are delivered online and at Grades 6 to 8 as paper-based exams. Online exams are booked through the school and are sat externally, usually at home, outside of school hours.

Online **performance grade exams** are recorded exams which are equivalent to practical grade exams. These can be recorded remotely and submitted at any time via the school. For students taking lessons at school, VMTs are responsible for rehearsing, recording and submitting performance grade exam recordings.

Please liaise with your child's VMT regarding specific exam arrangements.

For general exam enquiries or support, please contact: [instrumentallessons@kingalfred.org.uk](mailto:instrumentallessons@kingalfred.org.uk)

Exam Grade	Practical Exam Fee	Performance Grade Exam Fee	Music Theory Exam Fee
Initial Grade	£46	£44	
Grade 1	£51	£48	£37
Grade 2	£59	£55	£40
Grade 3	£68	£63	£44
Grade 4	£74	£69	£48
Grade 5	£81	£75	£51
Grade 6	£94	£87	£54
Grade 7	£101	£93	£57
Grade 8	£119	£110	£60

Please be in touch for information regarding **Rockschool** exams.

### UCAS

Students with ABRSM qualifications at Grades 6 to 8 benefit from UCAS (University and Colleges Admission Service) points which can be used as part of a university or college application in the UK. Rockscool's exams in Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocals, Piano and Keyboard and Music Production also attract UCAS points.

	Grade 6			Grade 7			Grade 8		
	Pass	Merit	Dist.	Pass	Merit	Dist.	Pass	Merit	Dist.
<b>Practical</b>	8	10	12	12	14	16	18	24	30
<b>Theory</b>	4	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10

## UPPER SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM

### **Mon 11 Sept**

*Drama Studio*  
Show Auditions

### **Wed 11 Oct**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
Axemonsters

### **Wed 18 Oct**

*Drama Dept*  
Y11 Devised Exam  
Y13 Theatre Studies Comp 3 Performance Exam

### **Wed 1 - Fri 3 Nov**

*Drama Studio*  
Senior Show Rehearsals

### **Sat 4 - Sun 5 Nov**

*Drama Studio*  
Show Band Rehearsals

### **Tues 7 Nov**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
Shakespeare & Song

### **Sun 15 Nov**

*Black Box*  
LAMDA Exams

### **Tues 28 - Thurs 30 Nov**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
Senior Show 'Elf'

### **Wed 6 Dec**

*Drama Studio*  
Soloist Concert

### **Wed 13 Dec**

*Main Hall*  
Christmas Concert

## SPRING TERM

### **Wed 24 Jan**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
UAL Clowning

### **Wed 31 Jan**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
Unplugged

### **Wed 7 Feb**

*Drama Studio*  
GCSE Music Evening

### **Thurs 8 Feb**

*Drama Dept*  
Y13 UAL Devised Exam

### **Wed 6 Mar**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
Y12 & Y13 UAL Musical Theatre Showcase

### **Wed 13 Mar**

*Drama Studio*  
Soloist Concert

### **Wed 13 Mar**

Y13 Theatre Studies Exam

### **Wed 20 - Thurs 21 Mar**

Y11 UAL Final Major Project

### **Wed 27 Mar**

*Main Hall*  
Spring Concert

### **Wed 17 April**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
Y12 UAL Play

### **Wed 24 April**

Y12 Theatre Studies Devised Exam

## SUMMER TERM

### **Wed 12 Jun**

*Drama Studio*  
Soloist Concert

### **Mon 17 - Fri 21 Jun**

UAL Project Week

### **Mon 24 - Wed 26 Jun**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
UAL Final Major Project (performance)

### **Sat 6 July**

Kastonbury

## LOWER SCHOOL

### AUTUMN TERM

**Tues 28 - Wed 29 Nov**

*Lower School Hall*

Songs of Buggy Malone

### SPRING TERM

**Fri 19 Jan**

*O2*

Young Voices

**Tues 27 - Wed 28 Feb**

*Phoenix Theatre*

Songs of Orpheus and Euridice

**Sun 17 March**

*The Watford Festival*

Festival Choir

**Wed 20 March**

*Main Hall*

Spring Concert

### SUMMER TERM

**Fri 10 May**

*Phoenix Theatre*

BIG SING

**Fri 6 July**

Hammerhead Concert