

# 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 or who receive additional learning support 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 Involve Education - 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, Involve Education 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 2024-25

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS	
Hourly Rate	£ 59.07
35 min lesson	£ 34.46
35 min lessons in pairs	£ 23.06
35 min lessons in threes	£ 16.81
MUSIC THEORY	
Grade 1 & 2 classes	£6.32 per lesson
Grade 3 & 4 classes	£6.83 per lesson
Grade 5 and above	£7.91 per lesson
Fast Track theory (in a group of 4 or more)	£ 11.85

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

## 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.

In Lower School, students also have orchestra and choir incorporated into their weekly timetables. Children can also sign up to form and rehearse bands during their break times.

	Club	Time	Teacher	Room
Monday	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
Tuesday	Music Tech Club	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Dan	Music Studio
Wednesday	Baby Bellas	Break 11:00-11:25	Nell	Music Room
	Jazz Band	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Leo, Sam & Neven	Music Room
	Jazz Choir	Lunch 13:30-14:10	Nell	Drama Studio
Thursday	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 KASparents. 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 Musicals: musicals take place in the Autumn and Spring terms
- Lower School Orchestra: opportunities to perform at the end of each term
- 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.
- Busking: Ukelele busking take place throughout the year

## 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 Exam Fee	Music Theory Exam Fee
Initial Grade	£ 50.00	£ 46.00	
Grade 1	£ 56.00	£ 50.00	£ 39.00
Grade 2	£ 64.00	£ 58.00	£ 42.00
Grade 3	£ 74.00	£ 66.00	£ 46.00
Grade 4	£ 81.00	£ 72.00	£ 50.00
Grade 5	£ 88.00	£ 79.00	£ 54.00
Grade 6	£ 102.00	£ 91.00	£ 59.00
Grade 7	£ 110.00	£ 98.00	£ 62.00
Grade 8	£ 130.00	£ 116.00	£ 65.00

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. Rockschool'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

**Thurs 26 Sept**  
Y10 UAL Theatre Trip - 39 Steps

**Sun 13 Oct**  
*Black Box & Drama Studio*  
LAMDA Exams

**Tues 15 Oct**  
Y11 Devised Exam

**Wed 16 Oct**  
*Main Hall, 7pm*  
Axemonsters

**Tues 5 Nov**  
Shakespeare & Song

**Tues 12 Nov**  
*Main Hall, 7pm*  
Jazz Concert

**Fri 22 - Sun 24 Nov**  
Get in Senior Show (Staff and Cast/Band)

**Mon 25 Nov**  
Senior Show Dress Rehearsal

**Sun 15 Nov**  
LAMDA Exams

**Tues 26 - Wed 27 Nov**  
Senior Show 'Ballad of Raggedy Alice Arts Depot'

**Wed 4 Dec**  
*Drama Studio, 6pm*  
Soloist Concert

**Wed 11 Dec**  
*Main Hall, 7pm*  
Christmas Concert

## SPRING TERM

**Wed 22 Jan**  
UAL Clowning

**Wed 29 Jan**  
*Drama Studio, 5pm (students only)*  
GCSE Music Concert

**Mon 3 Feb**  
UAL Musical Showcase 'Gate House'

**Wed 5 Feb**  
Y13 UAL Devised Exam

**Wed 12 Feb**  
*Main Hall, 7pm*  
Unplugged

**Mon 3 Mar**  
Musical Theatre Showcase

**Wed 5 Mar**  
*Drama Studio, 6pm*  
Soloist Concert

**Date tbc**  
A Level Y13 Performance Exam

**Wed 19 - Thurs 20 Mar**  
Y11 UAL Final Performance

**Tues 25 Mar**  
UAL Presentation Evening

**Wed 26 Mar**  
*Main Hall, 7pm*  
Spring Concert

**Thurs 27 Mar**  
UAL Presentations

**Mon 31 Mar - Tues 1 Apr**  
Y9 LAMDA Exams

**Thurs 3 - Mon 4 Apr**  
Y10 ISTA Trip to Belgrade

## SUMMER TERM

**Thurs 24 Apr**

UAL Y12 Play

**Date tbc**

UAL Y10 Text Performance

**Thurs 1 May**

UAL Text

**Wed 7 May**

Y12 Devised Exam

**Mon 12 May**

Middle School Show Rehearsals

**Fri 16 May**

Middle School Show Rehearsals

**Date tbc**

Get in Middle School Show

**Mon 19 May**

Middle School Show Dress Rehearsal

**Tues 20 - Wed 21 May**

Middle School Show

**Thurs 12 June**

*Drama Studio, 6pm*

Soloist Concert

**Mon 16 - Fri 20 June**

UAL Project Week

**Mon 23 June**

UAL Final Performance Dress Rehearsal

**Tues 24 June**

UAL Final Performance

**Date tbc**

Kastonbury



## LOWER SCHOOL

### AUTUMN TERM

**Tues 26 - Wed 27 Nov**

*Lower School Hall*  
'Oliver' the Musical

### SPRING TERM

**Fri 24 Jan**

*O2*  
Young Voices

**Date tbc**

Y2 Musical

**Date tbc**

*The Watford Festival*  
Festival Choir

**Date tbc**

*Main Hall*  
Spring Concert

### SUMMER TERM

**Fri 9 May**

*Phoenix Theatre*  
BIG SING

**Date tbc**

Y3 Maypole Dancing on the Field

**Date tbc**

Y6 Music Callover

**Date tbc**

Y6 Presents Instruments to Ivy Wood  
Callover

**Date tbc**

Busking for Noah's Ark

**Date tbc**

Hammerhead Concert