



The Belvedere  
Academy

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## **Music Department**



Studying Music at The Belvedere Academy is an enriching and fulfilling experience. Enter the department and you can feel a buzz of creative energy from the countless number of students engaged in studying, creating, and performing music of all kinds.

The Music Department at The Belvedere Academy is thriving. We aim to provide musical opportunities for all students and to encourage the development of their musical talents to the highest possible standard.

Music is universal, cultural, and individual. It is with this understanding that The Belvedere Academy Music Department believes that every pupil should have the opportunity to receive a high quality musical education in school, regardless of grade level, ability, or background. At the heart of this goal lies a belief that the pupils here at Belvedere will achieve a personal level of understanding, appreciation, and passion for music.

The fantastic array of performance opportunities open to pupils includes choirs, orchestras, musical theatre, and much more. The larger of our two Music classrooms houses a grand piano and offers stunning views of Princes Park. There are also four practice rooms, each equipped with a piano. Here, students are welcome and encouraged to practise at their leisure.

Studying Music offers a uniquely rich experience, which is highly valued by employers. In their time at Belvedere, pupils will not only develop a range of musical skills and deep subject knowledge, but also build up their self-confidence in working independently and with others. Music is taught across all Key Stages. At Key Stage 3, pupils have one lesson a week and cover a wide variety of exciting schemes of work, which are the building blocks for future study. Music is also taught at GCSE and A Level. We follow the Edexcel and AQA specifications respectively. Results have been outstanding over the last four years and we can successfully boast 100% grades 9-4 at GCSE Level. A Level results have been fantastic too, and many pupils go on to study Music at university and at specialist music colleges. Our A Level course attracts many external students, who are drawn by the academy's reputation for its music making, busy event calendar, its facilities, and its academic success.

We are a forward-looking and diverse creative community, and welcome any pupils seeking to deepen their understanding of music in all its practical, historical, theoretical and innovative forms.

Our students love studying here; this is borne out by the very high levels of student satisfaction in terms of their well-being, security, happiness, and opportunities. Visit our website and see what some of our students have to say about their experiences.

Our aim at The Belvedere Academy is first and foremost to develop an enthusiasm for music, the breadth and depth of understanding of the subject, the ability to express oneself through music and skills in participating in music – whether or not they wish to pursue a professional career in musical activities. We pride ourselves on being inclusive and diverse and truly believe that every child matters.

