



CHANNING

Music School
2023-24





Channing Music

'Music for all' is our mantra.

The Music School provides a friendly, enthusiastic and stimulating environment in which musical excellence is encouraged and celebrated. We help our students develop their musical potential and respond to a variety of musical challenges. Students are given the opportunity to perform individually and in ensembles – irrespective of age or musical ability.

Our facilities are fabulous and include 13 practice/teaching rooms. Often all rooms are in use, and the place literally 'buzzes' with musical activity, even as early as 8 o'clock in the morning! All our rooms are equipped with high quality upright pianos, mainly Yamaha or Kawai models. Our fully soundproofed percussion studio is a superb place for our rock bands to make music and, for those interested in technology, our Music Technology room is equipped with 25 iMacs and full-size Yamaha keyboards. Each week, we have 24 co-curricular musical activities from Theory Club to Jazz Band and on most Fridays, we have 'Music at Lunchtime', in which pupils of any standard have the opportunity to play or sing a solo, whether they have their music lessons in or out of school.

The 28 members of the Visiting Music Staff give 400 individual lessons each week. Many of these teachers are performers in their own right. Some are ABRSM examiners, others play in or have led major national orchestras such as the Philharmonia and others have written popular tutor books for their instruments. Their expertise is invaluable and inspires our girls to ever greater achievements.

Each year, we have approaching 200 students taking ABRSM examinations and our average of 123/150 is significantly higher than the national average. The Channing Music brochure details the 35 musical events that take place throughout the year, including regular formal evening concerts.

We pride ourselves in being able to provide a stimulating musical environment for the most able as well as those at an elementary level. We have a number of musicians that attend the four junior departments of the main London conservatoires and play in prestigious orchestras outside of school such as the *National Youth Orchestra*, *National Children's Orchestra*, *National Youth Brass Band* and the *London Schools Symphony Orchestra*. Past pupils have led the NYO and in recent years almost 50% of our A level students have gone on to study music at a variety of universities and colleges, though Oxbridge, Durham and Leeds tend to be the most popular.

One of the Music School's highlights are the foreign tours undertaken. Our inaugural trip in 2009 was to Venice followed by 2011 to Vienna, 2013 to Boston, 2015 to Madrid/Segovia/Toledo and Lisbon in 2017. We returned to Venice again in October 2019 and in 2021 we had a successful tour to Split in Croatia. This year we are going to Seville in October. Each tour sees us performing in prestigious, historic venues such as St Mark's Basilica and the Schonbrunn Palace.

Music Scholarships are awarded to talented young musicians wishing to enter the school at Year 7 and Year 12. Scholarships are worth up to 50% of the fees plus free tuition on one instrument.

For further details please contact the Registrar, Ms Rosie Gilleece: admissions@channing.co.uk



Peter Boxall
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Autumn Term

Year 11 GCSE Concert

Our talented GCSE musicians take to the stage of the Arundel Centre to perform solos and close with a popular medley arranged and sung by the entire group.

Thursday 5 October 6.30pm
Arundel Centre No tickets required

Seville Music Tour Concert

An opportunity to hear the full programme of music that was produced as a result of our working tour to Seville! From a jazz mass to Katy Perry via JS Bach there is something for everyone! Not to be missed!

Thursday 2 November 6.30pm
Arundel Centre No tickets required

Autumn Concert

The Autumn Concert is an amazing showcase of the girls' talents. Our larger ensembles will be performing and it will be the first live concert for many! Amongst offerings are The Symphony Orchestra who will entertain with the iconic 2nd Symphony of Sibelius, and the Concert Orchestra will open the evening with 'Queen On Stage'. The Brunner Show Choir and Cantemus Chorus will hold you spellbound. With some 200 students performing, this is a very exciting and special night. It is always a popular concert in our calendar and early booking is advisable.

Thursday 16 November 7.30pm
St Joseph's Church, Highgate Hill Tickets £8

Chicago

Fame, murder, and all that jazz hits Highgate! This deliciously dark musical is a crowd-pleasing story of obsession, murder, and irresistible music. When chorus girl Roxie Hart is sent down for murder, she falls out with famed singer - and cellmate - Velma Kelly and in with charming lawyer Billy Flynn. Soon, her time behind bars leads to a darkly entertaining obsession with fame, stardom, and getting away with murder. This will sell out fast so order your tickets early!

Monday 20 November 7.00pm
Tuesday 21 November 7.00pm
Wednesday 22 November 7.00pm
Thursday 23 November 7.00pm
Arundel Centre Tickets required

The Junior School's Christmas Celebration

Join us for our inspirational annual visit to St Michael's church that includes seasonal readings and music for the whole Junior School and their families.

Friday 8 December 2.15pm
St Michael's Church, Highgate No tickets required

Carol Concert

The scene is set by the candlelit procession of the Chamber Choir singing 'Ding dong merrily on high' followed by a Year 7 student singing the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City'. This year our readings will reflect the healing power of nature.

Monday 11 December 2.45pm
St Michael's Church, Highgate Tickets required



Tickets can be booked through the Channing Events page: <https://www.channing.co.uk/productions-concerts/>

Spring Term

Year 10 GCSE Concert

The Year 10 GCSE group showcase their talents as individual soloists on the stage of the Arundel Centre.

Tuesday 23 January 6.30pm

Arundel Centre No tickets required

Channing at St Joseph's

Tonight we return to the splendour of St Joseph's Church for an evening of choral and orchestral music. Tonight will include the combined choirs of Channing students singing Chilcott's Jazz Mass accompanied by orchestra. Further details of the programme are to be confirmed.

Thursday 14 March 7.30pm

St Joseph's Church, Highgate Hill Tickets £8

Channing Jazz Evening

One of the hottest tickets in town and now in its 16th year this is one of the firm favourites in the Channing Music calendar. Theo Travis will once again lead tonight's Jazz spectacular. Enjoy both the professional quartet and the skills of our own jazz musicians and singers who will perform alongside the professionals. We will again have our licensed bar and a finger buffet is included in the ticket price.

BOOK EARLY AS TICKET NUMBERS ARE LIMITED!

Tuesday 26 March 6.30pm

Arundel Centre Tickets £10



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Summer Term

Sixth Form Concert

One of the most special nights of the year when we celebrate the achievements and prodigious talent of our VIth Form musicians in our fabulous auditorium, with accompaniments and solos on our Shigeru-Kawai piano. It is a delightful opportunity, and privilege, to witness the consummate musicians these students have developed into.

Thursday 25 April 6.30pm

Arundel Centre No tickets required

Summer Concert

Following our successful event in the Arundel Centre last summer, tonight will again be a fusion of many genres from jazz to music theatre via orchestral music from the Concert Orchestras. A real celebration of Channing Music!

Wednesday 3 July 6.30pm

Arundel Centre Tickets required with no charge



Tickets can be booked through the Channing Events page: <https://www.channing.co.uk/productions-concerts/>

Music Throughout the Year

MUSIC at LUNCHTIME in the SENIOR SCHOOL

These are short informal concerts that give girls of all abilities an opportunity to perform either solo or in a small ensemble. Full details of each term's events will be available from the Music Department website.

Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

'Music at Lunchtime' events are usually held almost every Friday during term time in the Arundel Centre and begin at 1.00pm.

ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Each term Channing School enters a large number of pupils for ABRSM examinations. The closing date for each examination session is usually about 6 weeks prior to the examination dates. Parental consent is necessary before we can enter candidates and so it is helpful if parents can return the consent forms promptly when asked. The School is happy to accept entries from students who learn externally.

For 2023-2024 examinations will be held during the weeks shown below:

Autumn Term 4-6 December

Spring Term 18-20 March

Summer Term 20-22 May



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