

A complete musical education

The Music School at Millfield is one of the largest in the UK and enjoys world-class facilities in a state-of-the-art building. This, combined with comprehensive and outstanding teaching staff, provides exceptional provision for our young musicians both in the classroom and in practical music making.



Millfield Music School benefits from a vibrant and extensive concert calendar, featuring over 60 events each year with performances ranging from solo recitals to large-scale ensemble concerts and chamber music concerts to contemporary evenings, musicals, festivals and a biennial Concerto Concert. Musicians can also take advantage of our high-profile external performance calendar, including participation in renowned global music festivals and competitions, worldwide concert tours, and regular performances at Wells Cathedral. Millfield also hosts an International Concert Series and a programme of professional Masterclasses, featuring ensembles such as The King's Singers, Tenebrae and BBC Big Band.



Ensemble excellence

Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, Symphonic Winds, Jazz Band, Junior Choir, Choral Society, a close-harmony Vocal Group, Barbershop, Percussion Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, several vibrant Rock and Pop groups and an award-winning Chamber Choir. In addition to this there are over 25 chamber music ensembles rehearsing every week.

Our facilities include

- A 350-seat concert venue
- Recital Foyer
- Two professional standard recording studios
- Four teaching suites fully equipped with Apple Macs
- 30 teaching/practice rooms
- A specialist percussion room
- An outstanding collection of instruments, including a Steinway Model D Concert Grand

Millfield is proud to celebrate its exceptional provision for music-making that enjoys a strong national and international reputation for its diverse programme that aims to include all whilst ensuring excellence at the highest level. Many of our musicians have secured places at major conservatoires and with national orchestras, choirs and musical theatre companies, including the National Youth Orchestra and National Youth Choir, and a number go on to read Music at university. Recent students have continued their musical training, often with scholarships, at highly-prestigious institutions such as Curtis Institute, Royal College of Music, Royal Academy of Music, Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford and Cambridge University. Our alumni have gone on to work in the music industry, as composers, performers and recording artists.

There are incredible opportunities for musicians of all ages, standards and styles at Millfield. Whatever your musical talent or interest, we will meet your needs and help you to achieve your goals with our bespoke musical pathways. We aim to inspire, enthuse and motivate through enjoyment, challenge and opportunity.



Highlights from 2019-20

- A remote concert programme during lockdown that featured over 300 student performances including two massed community choral projects
- Camerata tour to Cambridge, performing at Christ's College and St. Catharine's College
- National competition success at the Pro Corda Chamber Music Festival
- Camerata being selected as one of six finalists in the Barnardo's School Choir of the Year competition, performing at The Royal Festival Hall, London
- Concerto Concert featuring an incredible 13 performances
- Millfield Festival Chorus performance of Rossini's *Petite messe solennelle* in Wells Cathedral
- International Concert Series performances from The Swingles and Chris Batchelor's *Zoetic*

Looking forward to 2020-21

- Massed community project featuring a choir of over 250, performing Alexander L'Estrange's *Freedom! The Power of Song*
- A performance calendar featuring over 60 different events
- 'A Night in the Meyer': a series of evening showcases dedicated entirely to Musical Theatre, in our bi-annual collaboration with Drama and Dance
- Our largest ever programme of Chamber Music
- Concerto Concert in which our most accomplished musicians perform concertos with a professional orchestra and conductor
- The launch of Millfield Originals, a programme that embraces the creative writing and performing of our contemporary musicians

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