GRAVENEY SCHOOL

Music Matters

Graveney Music 2025 - 2026

The academic year has got off to an exciting start! Ensembles have been running for a month and instrumental and vocal lessons are in full swing. Please make a note of the dates for the year and read on for more news!

Something to shout about!

We're really pleased with the success of A Level Music at Graveney. In summer 2024, the students in the A level Music cohort made more progress than any other school in the country. We were also one of only three schools in the country with 5 or more A* at A Level, and that includes independent schools and music specialist schools such as Chethams! Well done to such excellent students, many of whom are now studying music at conservatoires or universities such as Oxford.

Autumn Term Events 2025

Tues 21st October — **Year 7 Big Sing Night 1**

5.30pm College House Hall — Tickets via ParentPay

7W, 7N, 7J, 7R & 7P kick off the first of two concerts featuring all of the new Year 7 students singing their first concert at Graveney.

Weds 22nd October — **Year 7 Big Sing Night 2**

5.30pm College House Hall — Tickets via ParentPay

7V, 7T, 7S, 7U & 7Q perform their Big Sing featuring singers and instrumental soloists from our new Year 7 cohort.

6th - 8th November — **Senior Choir Trip to Birmingham**

Students wishing to join next year should sing regularly with Senior Choir on a Tuesday/Thursday lunchtime and sign up in the summer term.

The annual Senior Choir Trip, this year to Birmingham, sees roughly 90 students from Year 10 - 13 on a three day trip with concerts, excursions and the infamous Year 13 Quiz Night and Talent Show!

Tues 11th November — **Arts Careers Fair**

After school — Information provided to Year 10-13 students

Music, Art, Photography, Media, English and Drama departments are organising a combined Creative Arts Career fair for students that might be considering a career in the arts, arts admin or related fields. Students will be able to sign up via email.

Weds 12th November — **Chamber Concert 1**

5.30pm College House Hall — Suggested donation upon entry

The first chamber concert of the year, showcasing solos and small ensemble work from students across the student body. Those wishing to perform should contact Mr Schwarz and/or sign up in the Music Department.

Autumn Term Events continued...

Thurs 20th November — Senior Gala Concert

7pm College House Hall — Tickets via Ticketsource

The main event! The majority of our senior ensembles showcase their work since the start of the year in a memorable evening, with refreshments served by the Friends of Graveney Music.

Ensembles performing: Senior Choir, A Cappella, Orchestra, Senior Concert Band, Jazz Band, Senior Strings, Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Flute Ensemble and Senior Guitars.

Tues 25th November — Chamber Choir Evensong

6pm All Saints Church, Brudenell Road — Retiring collection

Chamber Choir lead this special Evensong service in celebration of Christ the King and St. Cecilia (the patron saint of Music). Music includes Britten's 'Rejoice in the Lamb' accompanied by chamber orchestra, Vaughan Williams' 'Let All The World In Every Corner Sing' alongside canticles by Dyson and other music too. Retiring collection in support of the All Saints Organ Restoration Fund.

Thurs 27th November — Junior Gala Concert

7pm College House Hall — Tickets via Ticketsource

Year 7 and 8 students' time to shine, showcasing the work since September of these committed and talented young people.

Ensembles performing: Junior Boys' Choir, Junior Girls' Choir, Junior Strings, Junior Concert Band, Junior Guitars.

Tues 9th Decemmber — STAGS Fundraising Cabaret Night

7pm College House Hall — Tickets via STAGS Ticketsource

STAGS (Sixth-Form Theatre At Graveney Society) are a student-led production company, each year presenting a musical. This concert is a fundraising cabaret evening in preparation for their production of 'Me and My Girl' in the spring.

Weds 10th December — Wandsworth Music Winter Sounds

7pm Fairfield Halls — Tickets from Fairfield Halls

Wandsworth Music's winter concert series at the Fairfield Halls featuring primary and secondary choirs and ensembles from across the borough.

Ensembles performing: A Cappella and Jazz Band

Mon 15th December — Graveney Carol Service

6pm All Saints Church, Brudenell Road — Retiring collection

Celebrate the festive season with Graveney's Carol Service featuring music, readings and meditation for the Christmas season.

Ensembles performing: Junior Boys/Girls Choir, Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, A Cappella, Jazz Band, Brass Ensemble, Senior Strings, Chamber Strings, Flute Ensemble.

Thurs 18th December — The Snowman

4pm and 6pm Mitcham Lane Baptist Church — Tickets via Ticketsource

In, what has now become a biennial tradition, Graveney Orchestra brings Howard Blake's score to life, accompanying Raymond Briggs' classic christmas animation. Festive fun for all the family.

Spring Term Events 2026

Weds 14th January — Chamber Concert 2

5.30pm College House Hall — Suggested donation upon entry

The second chamber concert of the year. Those wishing to perform should contact Mr Schwarz and/or sign up in the Music Department.

Tues 10th February — Gig Night

7pm College House Hall — Tickets via Ticketsource

Graveney's Annual Gig Night, showcasing bands and singers from across the student body, enjoyed cabaret-style with refreshements served by the Friends of Graveney Music. Students wishing to perform should sign up directly after Christmas in the Music Department.

Fri 13th February — Have a Heart Concert

Lunchtime College House Hall — Tickets on the door

A student concert and bake sale organised by and performed by Year 10 and 11 students, raising money for the British Heart Foundation.

Weds 25th February — Graveney Young Musician Final

5pm College House Hall — Free Entry

The final of this year's Graveney Young Musician competition. Heats in the four categories (Grades 1-3, Grades 4-5, Grades 6-7 and Grade 8+) will take place in the preceding weeks and students wishing to apply should be practising now and sign up in January.

12th - 14th March — Sixth Form Production: Me and My Girl

(2pm) 7pm College House Hall — Tickets via STAGS Ticketsource

After last year's successful production of Guys and Dolls, the Year 12 and 13 students are this year presenting 'Me and My Girl' with four performances across three days.

Thurs 19th March — Easter Concert

7pm College House Hall — Tickets via Ticketsource

The second big concert of the year featuring most of our large ensembles.

Ensembles performing: Junior Choir, Chamber Choir, A Cappella, Orchestra, Junior Strings, Junior Concert Band, Senior Strings, Chamber Strings, Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Flute Ensemble.

Weds 25th March — Wandsworth Music Brighter Sounds

7pm Fairfield Halls — Tickets from Fairfield Halls

Wandworth Music's showcase annual concert at the Fairfield Halls featuring primary and secondary choirs and ensembles from across the borough.

Ensembles performing: Senior Choir and Senior Concert Band

Summer Term Events 2026

Weds 22nd April — Chamber Concert 3

5.30pm College House Hall — Suggested donation upon entry

The final chamber concert of the year. Those wishing to perform should contact Mr Schwarz and/or sign up in the Music Department.

Weds 29th April — Peter and The Wolf

5pm All Saints Church, Brudenell Road — Retiring Collection

Orchestra perform Prokofiev's iconic work with student narration, bringing the music to life.

Thurs 30th April — A Level Composers' Concert

5pm College House Hall — Free Entry

A highlight of the year! A level students have their final compositions performed in this brief and intimate concert, celebrating the culmination of their musical journey at Graveney.

15th - 19th June — PAzzazz Week

Before school and every lunchtime outside! — All students welcome!

The school grounds come to life with music and performing arts in this week where bands, soloists and musical groups perform around the site!

Weds 1st July — Summer Concert

6.30pm Upper School Lawn — Tickets on the door

The summer concert is enjoyed 'al fresco' festival style on the lawn.

Ensembles performing: Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Concert Band, Jazz Band, Junior Strings, Junior Concert Band, Senior Strings, Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Junior Guitars, Senior Guitars.

In Other News...

An Organ for Graveney!

We are lucky enough to have been gifted an organ by the Royal College of Organists! Its new home in the theatre will allow organ students to have their lessons here at school rather than at All Saints Church and we'll be able to rehearse with it with lots of our ensembles. In the past two years, Orion Loth and Oliver Macmullan have taken up organ scholarships at Cambridge and Exeter universities and we look forward to many more students following in their footsteps. Anyone interested in lessons should enquire at the music office!

Graveney Music Friends and Supporters

The friends and supporters are vital to the continued success of music at Graveney. Their financial contributions allow us to purchase instruments and music, recently lots of percussion instruments, enabling us to perform a wider range of music!

We also are in regular need of parent volunteers to help run the bar at our concerts, so if you might be able to give some of your time to help with this, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information on the Friends scheme please visit www.graveney.org/musicfriends

Theory Lessons

Often students only think to do their ABRSM Grade 5 theory at the point that they realise they need it to take practical music exams at Grade 6 and above. Get started sooner by enquiring at the music office for online lessons with Ms Piras.

Well done to recent successful candidates:
Merit - Mabel Stephenson, Nadia Omondi
Distinction - Azkia Mulimba, Rosa Johnson (full marks!)

Student Exam Successes

Congratulations to these students for recent success in music exams.

* Merit ** Distinction

GRADE 1

Cecilia Johnson	**	Flute
Lucy Rowe	**	Clarinet
Alfred King	**	Piano
Eleanor Howarth	**	Saxophone
Ellis Wolford	**	Piano
Juliet Coulber	**	Clarinet
Mia Pearson	**	Clarinet
Samuel Hill	**	Piano
Helene Bellahn	*	Clarinet
Alexander Hills	*	Cello
Fintan Stobie	*	Clarinet
Eli Shimshon	*	Piano
Scarlett Pyemont		Baritone
Florence Boxall		Saxophone

GRADE 2

Sylvia Coulber	**	Piano
Joseph Hill	**	Oboe
Henry Weeks-Curry	*	Flute
Rosa Bates	*	Clarinet
Alice Seymore Gamson	*	Singing
Aaryah Thotiwilage	*	Piano
Lena Goroszewska	*	Piano
Lavina Coke	*	Piano
Arun Cowley	*	Trumpet
Jonathan Bhola	*	Piano
Natalya Omondi	*	Cello
Eilidh Watkin		Clarinet
Daisy Latton		Piano

GRADE 3

Elsie Burke	**	Saxophone
Eleanor Howarth	*	Piano
Ava Kelly	*	Piano
Brennan Care	*	Piano
Gianluca Fulci	*	Percussion
Jasmine Nkoso		Piano
Caspian Loth		Piano
Solomia Rainsford		Horn

GRADE 4

Lani Haigh	*	Singing
Jessica Sadler	*	Violin
Caeden Mulimba	*	Piano
Ruby Harris	*	Singing
Felix Mahon		Piano

GRADE 5

Lucy van Heel	**	Flute
Sebastien Hornus	**	Singing
Emma Edwards	**	Saxophone
Maya Johnson	**	Flute
Aara McCue	*	Piano
Jake Whichello	*	Violin
Amelie Jones	*	Violin
Wilfred Norman	*	Singing
Riccardo Occhipinti	*	Saxophone
Rufus Casterton	*	Double Bass
Wilfred Norman	*	Singing
Matthew Trimble		Trumpet
Edward Sceats		Violin

GRADE 6

Mabel Stephenson	**	Flute
Imogen Kushashvili	**	Singing
Jasmine Hammond	**	Singing
Mitchel Guy	**	Singing
Safi Foster	*	Cello
Nadia Omondi	*	Viola

GRADE 7

Violetta Gurraj	**	Singing
Chloe Louet	**	Violin
Jack Poole	**	Singing
Imogen Kushashvili	**	Violin
Chloe Louet	**	Violin
William Delas	**	Singing
Cara Dooley		Piano

GRADE 8

Mina Simmons	**	Cello
Louise Pinguet	**	Clarinet
Rosie Bracken	**	Oboe
Adele Norman	**	Horn

Exceptional Performers

Congratulations to Dan Robertson, Erin Healey, Maia Trude, Louise Pinguet, Rosie Bracken, Jed Casterton and Daisy Bokor-Ingram who continue to play to an extraordinarily high standard with Junior conservatoires and ensembles including the London Schools Symphony Orchestra and Dan with the prestigious National Youth Orchestra.

Devin Brown, Leo Krienke and Milo Jones have been playing with the Julian Joseph Jazz Academy.

Bertie Howarth and Luca Wills play with the National Children's Orchestra.

Joseph Hill, Theo Wilson, Freddie Howarth and Mitchel Guy sing with Libera, and are touring Indonesia and the Philippines this half term.

The following students have participated in Royal Academy of Music experience programmes in the past year: Narayan Peyronnin, Imogen Kushashvili, Emma Edwards, Cecily Clark, Nadia Omondi, Pasha Asghar, Ella Roy and Devin Brown.