



SHREWSBURY
HOUSE SCHOOL

MUSIC



'To inspire and educate the next generation of musicians through an academic, practical and aesthetic based music curriculum' is the mission statement of the Music Department.

Music is central to Shrewsbury House. The ethos of the Music Department is that opportunity is open to all, and not just a select few. At Shrewsbury House, every boy is actively encouraged to participate in a wide range of musical activities, in the classroom, in performances and on School trips. We pride ourselves in supporting and encouraging boys to reach their full potential, whether it is in a School Assembly, as a soloist or as a member of one of our prestigious instrumental or choral groups. With numerous events running throughout the School year, this dynamic department provides many opportunities for all levels.

With a talented department of professionals running music groups, giving individual music lessons and teaching in the classroom, the boys experience music which is relevant to their lives, seeing how both classical and popular music is composed, and then playing it in their music groups. There are great opportunities for talented musicians to shine and develop. Many boys learn an additional musical instrument, largely within School. We also have an excellent track record with our Associated Board results, with a strong proportion of boys achieving a Merit or Distinction. We are also very proud of our success in Music Scholarships, with recent Awards over the years achieved from a range of prestigious senior schools.

Equally, every boy is actively encouraged to be involved in practical music-making, regardless of ability; the diversity of opportunities in the Music Department ensures that this is possible. Every year, each year group performs a concert. Every boy has the opportunity to show his true potential in front of both his peers and family. We hold an annual Musical Soirée, a Spring Concert and a House Music competition.

Boys leaving Shrewsbury House have a good grounding in both the practical and theoretical aspects of music, enabling them to have a real appreciation of music. Whether they go on to be musicians in their future schools or not, we aim to give them a rewarding musical experience and a broad understanding of music and its value in society.

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Director of Music

Please note that the above subject information has been produced in good faith and is correct as of September 2020. We reserve the right to make changes to the curriculum and whilst we will endeavour to offer any trips and competitions mentioned above, we cannot guarantee that they will always take place every year.