

Newlands Girls' School Music Department

Practical music-making is at the heart of our Music Department at Newlands. The department is always busy with a lively, buzzy feel, especially at break, lunchtimes and after school.

Key Stage 3 Curriculum

The programme on offer to students in Years 7, 8 & 9 is varied and exciting, with the focus of lessons very much being on practical music-making. Students will find themselves challenged with performance, composition and listening tasks where they will explore a whole range of musical styles, genres and cultures. Students will have the opportunities to make the most of our incredibly well-resourced department including using pianos, guitars, drum kits, steel pans, our samba set, djembe drums and much more!

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition

Instrumental tuition at Newlands is currently provided by teachers from Berkshire Music Trust and private tutors on a wide range of instruments including all brass, woodwind, strings, piano, voice, drum kit and guitar. Lessons are arranged on a rotational basis throughout the school day – an arrangement that the school strongly supports.



All students have the opportunity to take instrumental/vocal lessons and Year 7 students are invited to the Instrument Taster event in the first couple of weeks of school. This allows students to try all instruments that are taught here at Newlands.

Should you have any further questions about instrumental or vocal lessons, please email music@newlandsgirls.co.uk. To register an interest in signing your child up for instrumental or vocal lessons, please complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/TqpFh0tT0u>

Extra-curricular music

Newlands Music Department offers a large and varied free programme of extra-curricular music clubs available for all pupils to get involved in to further their musical experiences. Our wide variety of ensembles run every lunchtime and after school – including choirs, bands, clubs and smaller ensembles, which flourish here and are often led by senior students. These ensembles perform at our regular formal sell-out concerts throughout the year.

There are numerous performance opportunities at Newlands in addition to our concerts. The school puts on a Musical Production annually and runs a music tour every other year; last academic year, we took 90 students from across all year groups to Prague and we had over 150 students involved in our hugely successful performance of 'The Addams Family' in July. We are currently preparing for our performance of 'We Will Rock You' this summer.