

# Newlands Music Department

## Instrumental and Vocal Tuition at Newlands

Many adults and parents I talk to say that they now regret they did not have and/or take up the opportunity to try and learn an instrument or sing when they were young. This is your opportunity to ensure your daughter does not have this memory in years to come.

Instrumental tuition at Newlands is currently provided by teachers from Berkshire Maestros on a wide range of instruments including all brass, woodwind, strings, piano, keyboard, drum-kit and guitar. Vocal tuition is provided in-house by Mrs Barbara Clarkson. Lessons are arranged on a rotational basis throughout the school day – an arrangement that the school strongly supports.

The school owns a small selection of woodwind, brass and strings (including 2 double basses) which pupils may borrow free of charge when available. Berkshire Maestros also have a wide range of instruments available for hire for a small fee.

Within this welcome pack, we have included an application letter for vocal lessons. If you wish for you daughter to have vocal lessons, please complete the vocal application form and return it addressed to Mrs Clarkson here. If you wish your daughter to take up or continue instrumental lessons, please go to the Berkshire Maestros website and go to the Enrol Today tab. All details including fees are now found on this website: <http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/>

## Extra-curricular music at Newlands

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCHTIME	Music Theory Steel Pans	String Ensemble	Junior Wind Band Senior Choir	Madrigal Choir Junior Choir	Samba Band
AFTER SCHOOL	Performing Arts Choir	Orchestra Jazz Band	Swing Band	Madrigal Choir GCSE Catch-up	

## **Recent performances by musicians from the department have included:**

- 2012 London Olympics – *Performing Arts Choir*
- Maidenhead's Got Talent 2013 and 2015 – *Djembe Drummers, Clarinet Ensemble, Yr 8 Steel pans*
- Norden Farm's Shakespeare Lantern Parade 2014 – *Samba Band*
- Royal Albert Hall in 2014, 2016 and 2019 – *Madrigal Choir*
- Overseas Tours to Belgium, Holland, Germany, Spain and Italy – Summers 2014 – 2017 and 2019
- March 2017 – Performance at Windsor Castle of selected vocalists