



MUSIC

AT BRADFIELD

INTRODUCTION

Music at Bradfield aims to play an invaluable role in the development of each and every pupil, enriching the lives of all who come to the College. We encourage and enthuse those of all abilities, with enjoyment and excellence at the heart of our provision.

Our creative and contemporary Year 9 academic music programme lays the foundations for a culture of music that goes far beyond 'just' playing an instrument or singing. It enables students to learn skills for life and develop their sense of self, preparing them for any future employment. Each lesson, exam and performance that Bradfield's musicians take part in allows them to demonstrate commitment, analytical skill, creativity, discipline, confidence, teamwork, and so much more.

Music also possesses qualities that should place it at the forefront of all pupil's wellbeing, both personal and social, aiding their quest to better understand themselves and the world around them.

With a staff of active musicians at the heart of the department we provide a music education of excellence. The environment created allows pupils to enjoy expressing themselves with confidence and enables our excellent Visiting Music Teachers to inspire them with their passions and expertise.

We offer a hierarchy of performance opportunities, in as wide a range of genres, as pupils would like to be involved in, and take care of every facet from first lessons through to building websites and networking events for those wanting to enter the world of professional music.

What follows is a summary of the Music provision we offer at Bradfield. It is designed to inform prospective Faulkners' parents so they are able to choose, in discussion with their children before arriving at Bradfield, which pathway they would like their Music to take in their Faulkner's year.

If you have any questions or thoughts, we would love to hear from you: music@bradfieldcollege.org.uk.

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS

How involved pupils are in the music programme at Bradfield depends on a variety of factors, including their other interests/commitments and, vitally, how important Music is to them. For that reason, we would like parents to choose, in discussion with their children before arriving at Bradfield, which pathway they would like their Music to take in their Faulkner's year:

RECREATIONAL

- lessons only – 30/45*/60minutes as desired;
- participation in Faulkner's Choir/bands only and undertake independent practice**, at pupil's own discretion.

STANDARD

- individual music lesson 30/45*/60 minute;
- two monitored practice sessions;
- participation in minimum one ensemble/activity;
- Grade 5 Theory is available for all to sign up to.

Academic Musicians will continue this pathway into years 10 and 11.

SPECIALIST

- individual music lesson 45*/60 minute;
- minimum three monitored practice sessions;
- participation in minimum two College ensembles/activities;
- the opportunity to play/sing in one bespoke smaller ensemble;
- Grade 5 Theory by end of Faulkner's (if not already achieved).

* 45minutes lesson duration recommended

** subject to practice room availability, most likely after 18:30 on weekdays only

Please note, this pathway choice will be reviewed throughout the academic year, in consultation with pupils, Tutors, HsMs and parents.

VISITING MUSIC TEACHERS

Bradfield's Visiting Music Teachers are experienced and knowledgeable professional musicians with busy careers outside of Bradfield College performing, composing/arranging and teaching music within the UK and abroad.

[FIND OUT MORE - MUSIC STAFF AND VISITING MUSIC TEACHERS](#)

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS REGISTRATION

Please include as much information as possible about your child's musical interests and skills in the registration form - we will match pupils with their Music Teacher based on the information you provide us.

Our Individual Music Lessons are provided on the basis of very clear Terms & Conditions, which all parents agree to adhere to when registering their child for music lessons.

Terms and Conditions are available to read on the electronic Registration Form.



MUSIC PROVISION

FIND OUT MORE - ENSEMBLES AND ACTIVITIES

We believe music is to be shared and, as such, provide as many different types of playing opportunities, in as wide a range of genres, as pupils would like to be involved in. This environment allows pupils to enjoy expressing themselves with confidence and enables our excellent teachers to inspire them with their passions and expertise.

Pupils are encouraged to be proactive in starting their own projects and bands; our staff are always available to give the advice and support they might need in doing so. Please direct any enquiries about music and the ensembles outlined below to the Director of Music.

If pupils are contributing to the co-curricular provision of the department, they will find more performing and enrichment opportunities become open to them.

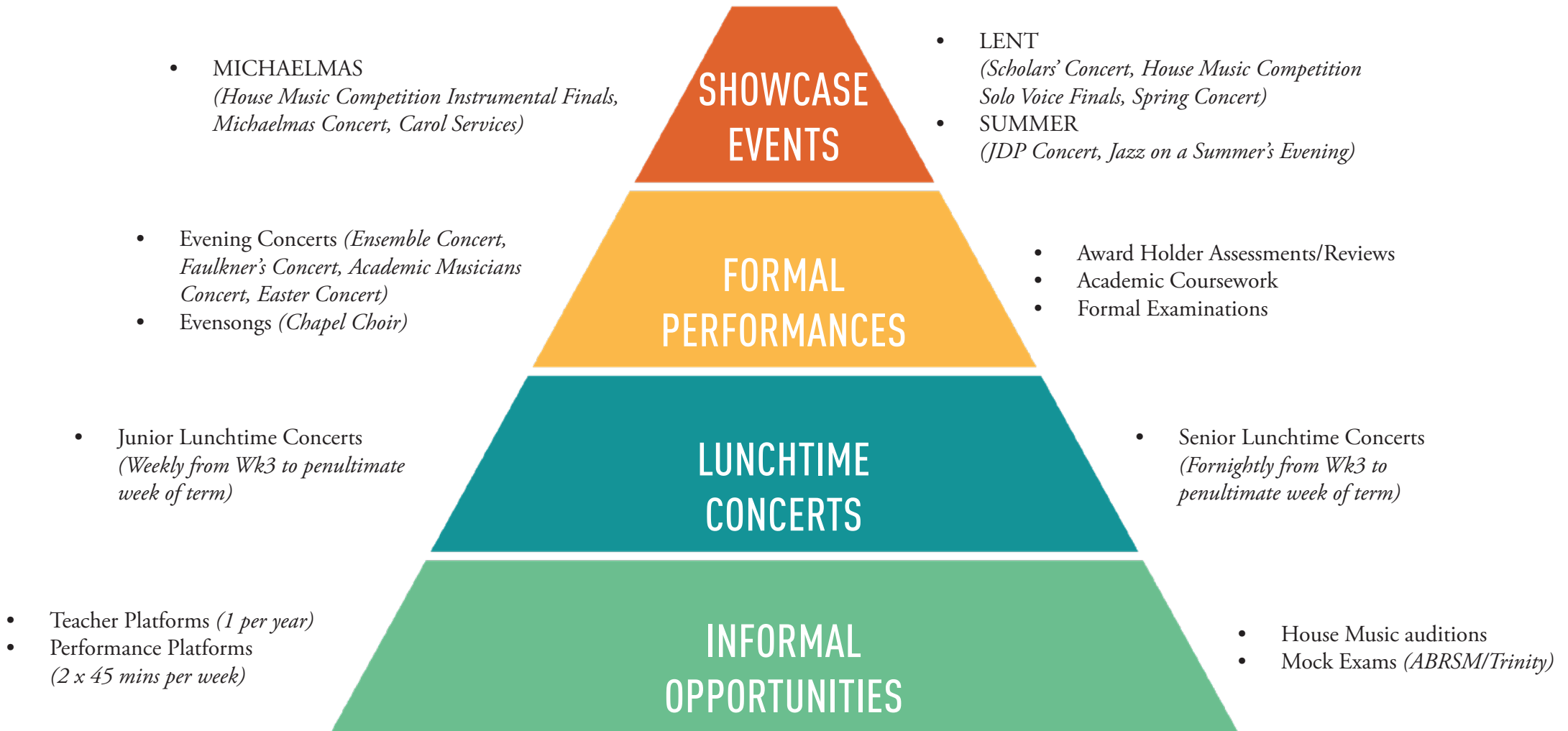
VOCAL				INSTRUMENTAL			
Chapel Consort	Chapel Choir	Gospel Choir	Bradfield Voices	Brass Ensemble	String Ensemble	Woodwind Ensemble	Percussion Ensemble
Smaller Vocal Groups				Saxophone Ensemble			
JAZZ				Smaller bespoke Chamber Music groups <i>(i.e. Piano Trio, Clarinet Trio)</i>			
So What		Big Band					
Latin Jazz Orchestra							
Smaller bespoke Jazz groups				VOCAL			
				Various bespoke bands and vocal groups			
OTHER MUSIC ACTIVITIES/CLUBS							
Music Theory		Improvisation		Opera		Musical Theatre	
Sight-Reading		Songwriting		Music Technology		Music Therapy <i>as part of the Community Service Programme</i>	

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

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There are many, regular in-College music events for our pupils to get involved in. In addition, there are more formal performance opportunities throughout the academic year for members of the public to enjoy the hard work, dedication and musical skills of Bradfield's pupils.

PERFORMANCE HEIRARCHY



AWARDS HOLDERS

[FIND OUT MORE - AWARDS HOLDERS](#)

Being a music award holder at Bradfield is an exceptional opportunity that offers you the very best music education. The individual is at the heart of all our decisions and musical talent is nurtured in a holistic way to provide a challenging and positive learning experience.

As a recipient of an award, you will demonstrate not only a high level of musical ability and potential, but also a genuine love and appreciation of music. We are looking for a good technical grounding and the ability to put across the music – to be a storyteller through sound.

You will be keen to participate in and contribute to the musical life of the College and you will be committed to developing your musicianship across all areas. In return, top-class visiting musicians and our dedicated music department team will nurture and support your musical talent, passions and potential.

If you find Music becomes an important part of your life at Bradfield, and one that you would like to develop even further, there will be an opportunity towards the end of Fifth Form to put yourself forward for a 16+ Scholarship.

