

Music-Making at Longdean School

Practical music making is at the heart of what we do in Longdean – we sing, play different instruments and enjoy creating our own soundtracks with music technology, studying music from around the world, music from throughout history and music that we hear all around us.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Music, (part of the Performing Arts faculty) and we have put together an exciting range of opportunities for you to be involved in. If you've had experience of Longdean before, you'll find that some of these are new 😊. They will enable us all, whatever our previous experience, to make music together, in ways that are fun, creative and mean everyone can achieve, regardless of circumstances around us.



Ukuleles



These will be the instruments we are encouraging as many pupils as possible to use in our KS3 school classroom lessons next year.



They're inexpensive (£15) compared to many, easy to carry and everyone can have one so we don't have to worry about sharing instruments in class. You can bring your own in to school and take it home to practice and show what you've learnt. Many of you are already experts and have one 😊

For those that don't, this could be an exciting adventure. We operate an Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme which allows parents to buy a musical instrument at the ex.VAT price, including paying via instalments. Additionally, there are support schemes in place.

[Please complete this form online](#)

Enjoy practical music making for all!

Singing



Whether its singing in small groups in school, or singing in a choir, or singing on your own for fun - singing is part of what we do - day in, day out!

We know many of you, like us, enjoyed going to Young Voices at the O2 earlier this year. We have enrolled to continue to be part of the Young Voices family for its 25th Anniversary year.



Whether its adding in the dance moves, singing the songs, performing new pieces or simply singing for fun - sign up for choir! All resources will be available online and sessions will be broadcast to join in at home, as well as in school...

If we are able to, we'll be going to the O2 to celebrate next year, and if its not possible for any reason, we'll be joining their concerts online.... So come and join in!!

We may be asking for contributions towards coach hire for the concert – but that is all, and again, financial support is available.

Music Technology

Soundtrap



Ever wondered how pop songs are put together? What does a producer do? How is the music that goes behind computer games written? How is music composed for film? How do you read music?

We begin to look at all these and more, when we explore music through technology.

The programmes we use can be accessed via any device – phone, tablet or computer.

You can multitrack record, create and use your own samples, input samples that others have created and share your work with your friends and family. We will be exploring these in school ... and then its over to you! Let your imagination run free.....



Every student will have secure personalised logins to their own areas on the Longdean licensed software, with access from home and school with work stored on the cloud for ease of use.

One to One or shared instrumental/vocal Lessons



A full range of music lessons (voice, drum kit, guitar, keyboard, piano, bass, violin, saxophone, clarinet and flute) will be fully available to you in the new term, operated by Herts County Music Service, initially online & then in school. Students have the opportunity to work towards graded exams.

For those of you who had 'Project Play' lessons at primary school and would like to continue, there may be special arrangements. Please contact k.cheney@longdean.herts.sch.uk directly.

For those who are entitled to apply for Remission of Fees – [£21 per term (11 lessons) for families in receipt of Free School Meals], please be aware that applications opened on June 24th – please contact finance@longdean.herts.sch.uk for advice on how to apply.

Full information about lessons (including costs) is available on the [website](#) or alternatively, please email admin@longdean.herts.sch.uk for further details.

For support with access to instruments to use at home – see the [Longdean Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme information form](#).

