

Music Academy students will have the opportunity to make music in a world-class performance venue by joining the most senior of our many ensembles and making a sustained commitment to these.

Typically, these are the Senior Jazz Band, Senior Concert Band, Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, Senior String Orchestra or Symphony Orchestra. Esembles tour to Europe each summer and Academicians are often student conductors.

During the last 12 months we have performed with the English Touring Opera, alongside NYJO, the LPO and the Halle Orchestra. We have watched, the LSO, Aurora and BBCSO in rehearsal. All activities that make our programme a unique opportunity for the enthusiastic, and this is just a snapshot of the year! There is also a Young Academy programme where enrichment opportunities are offered further down the school. This includes workshops, side by side experiences and ensemble masterclasses.

Our close relationship with the Guildhall School of Music and Drama means that we benefit from workshops with their students and have access to their Masterclass series in London. We also use some of their Professors in our own Masterclass programme.

This year woodwind players will work with fourth year students from the Guildhall for a day's intensive focussed on Chamber Music.



SWCHS MUSIC ACADEMY 2020



Opportunities and facilities for young musicians that are unrivalled in Eastern England



The Music Academy programme runs alongside normal studies and Sixth Formers enjoy a weekly timetabled session. It is tailored to specific needs each year, covering all instruments & voices in both classical and jazz idioms along with ensemble playing, composing and conducting.



Developing the whole person. Our Academicians can opt to complete the Gold Arts Award. As part of this we run an outreach programme each year. Currently this involves the devising and presenting of a Junior School recital designed to inform and encourage participation in a range of activities.



Preparation with Jessie Maryon Davies.



For many applicants the Masterclass programme is a key attraction.



We have worked with Jess Gillam, Reso 88, Ralph Salmins, Hilary Sturt, Yvonne Howard, Steve Bingham, Harry Winstanley, Robert Hollingworth, Alex Caldon, Pete Churchill, Lisa Nelson and the list goes on!



You are warmly invited to a school concert, to give you a sense of how we can support your ambition!

