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Welcome from Tim Norton, Director of Performing Arts



The Performing Arts should lie at the heart of education as it should lie at the heart of society for it offers each of us the power to move or to be moved.

Music and Drama is what unites us as a community, connects us with our past and elevates us above all other species.

To sing, to play, to act for an audience is the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another what it is to be human.



Welcome to Bromsgrove School's Performing Arts Calendar for Autumn and Spring 2017-18, in what is undoubtedly one of the most exciting times for Music and Drama in the School's 500-year history. As Bromsgrove's first Director of Performing Arts, I am particularly proud of the amazing opportunities that await our students and our community in the future.

In November, we will see the opening of a multi-million pound complex of performance spaces including a magnificently refurbished and expanded Concert Hall alongside a brand new Music School; a new Drama Studio and a state-of-the-art Theatre. There will be a purpose built recording studio and the capacity to convert our new Drama Studio into a television studio when required. All our new spaces will be fully equipped to professional specifications to give our students access to the highest standards of production so that we can support, develop and showcase their performing talents as effectively as is possible.

Our Grand Opening of the new buildings in November is the result of many years of detailed and careful planning, but it sits upon many centuries of skilled teachers dedicated to nurturing the talents of our young actors and musicians both within and beyond the curriculum.

Tim Norton

Head of Performing Arts



Music at Bromsgrove



It gives me great pleasure to announce a new season of music events at Bromsgrove School.

It will be a unique year in many ways, with more musical opportunities than ever before and of course we open our fabulous new facilities; creative spaces for learning as well as an acoustically superb concert venue which retains Routh Hall's traditional charm. These will enhance every child's musical journey through the School from the earliest stage to the Upper Sixth and I look forward to welcoming you to a whole host of concerts and events. I am confident that there will be something for everyone in our Performing Arts calendar.

James McKelvey - *Director of Music*



Drama at Bromsgrove



The Performing Arts calendar for next year offers an eclectic mix of theatrical productions: there is sure to be something for everyone to enjoy as an actor or as a member of the audience.

As Head of Drama, what particularly excites me is knowing that the performing arts is becoming more accessible to all our students; alongside the new buildings comes a new ethos, which puts creativity at the heart of our curriculum. Whether you are interested in performing on stage, or involved in one of the many technical or design opportunities that theatre offers, we want every student to feel that they can be part of our vibrant Arts Community at Bromsgrove.

Jill Bradford – *Head of Drama*

Michaelmas



Year 7-13 Lunchtime & Evening Concerts



Prep and Senior Music

Tuesday 10th October, 7.00pm

Tuesday 7th November, 1.20pm

Tuesday 28th November, 1.20pm

These informal concerts are a wonderful opportunity for pupils to gain experience performing, helping to build confidence while developing their musicality.

Free tickets; seats limited, contact Music Admin; performances on YouTube channel.

Routh Concert Hall



Musical Moments

Prep Music



Monday 18th September

Monday 25th September

Monday 2nd October

Monday 9th October

Monday 16th October

Monday 13th November

Monday 27th November

Monday 4th December

Monday 11th December

Free tickets; invite only; extended family of performers welcome.

Performing Arts Classroom C9, Cobham, 4.00pm



Big Sing Day

Prep and Senior Music



Prep Choir, Prep Chapel Choir, Senior Chapel Choir

We have a fantastic Big Sing Day planned for the new academic year. It will be exclusively for year 6 and 7 students and designed to inspire pupils to sing in harmony, learn brand new, funky music and explore what the voice can really do, maybe even try a bit of beatboxing. Run by Bromsgrove's new Head of Vocal Studies, Suzzie Vango with Rob Challinor on keys, this will be a challenging and fun day of music-making and teamwork.

Friday 29th September, All Day
Music School and Memorial Chapel

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Drama Scholarships

**Applications are invited from talented actors
at ages 13+ and 16+
Auditions 17th January 2018**

Bromsgrove School offers numerous performance opportunities for pupils from smaller drama productions to full-scale musicals. Drama scholarships recognise the acting potential of young performers and offer them a chance to broaden their theatrical experience and further develop their dramatic technique.

**For an informal discussion, please contact Tim Norton,
Director of Performing Arts**

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ISI Inspection 2016
- Excellent in every category

Outstanding results
at IB and A level

Academic excellence coupled
with a wealth of sporting
and extra-curricular
opportunities

Scholarships may be
supplemented by generous
means-tested bursaries,
contact Admissions for details.

950 pupils aged 13-18
500 pupils aged 7 - 13



Jazz Gig

Prep and Senior Music



Big Band, Sax Ensemble, Senior Jazz Ensemble, Pop Choir, Senior Brass Group, Prep Jazz Group

Twice a year Mr Martin, our Head of Jazz and Contemporary Music and saxophone teacher, puts together a night of live entertainment for all to enjoy. Parents and staff are welcome to bring their own food and beverages to help produce Bromsgrove School's very own Jazz Bar.

Free tickets; seats limited, contact Music Admin; performances on YouTube channel.

Friday 13th October, 7.00pm
Hospitality Suite



Inter-House Unison Song Competition



Senior Music

Friendly Inter-House rivalry has no better outlet than when every member of each House comes together to try and win the coveted Inter-House Song Cup. This year's theme will be Girls' Names. The adjudicator will be Jonathan Brown Director of Music, Malvern College.

Pupil only audience; performances on YouTube channel.

Tuesday 17th October, 3.10pm

Sports Arena



Year 3 String Presentation

Prep Music



Senior String Ensemble, Year 3 String Scheme

Launched in September 2014, the Year 3 String Scheme has had tremendous success in introducing Year 3 pupils to the wonderful world of string instruments. Many of the pupils will only have started learning in September, this presentation is a chance for pupils to showcase what they have learnt so far to parents and staff. The concert will also feature the Senior String Ensemble performing to inspire our younger performers as they start their musical journey.

Free tickets; seats limited, contact Music Admin; performances on YouTube channel.

Thursday 9th November, 4.15pm

Routh Concert Room



Remembrance



Year 6-8 Service

Wednesday 8th November, 8.30am

Senior School Remembrance Service

Sunday 12th November

Fourth Forms: 9.50am

Fifth and Sixth Forms: 10.55am

Parents are welcome, no tickets required.

Memorial Chapel

NOVEMBER



Year 3-5 Woodwind & Brass Recital

Prep Music



These recitals are held once a term to showcase the talents of the more experienced performers who need to be Grade 1 standard or above in order to participate. The recitals are supported by an audience of Year 3 and 4 pupils as well as invited friends and family of the musicians.

Free tickets; performances on YouTube channel.

Tuesday 14th November, 8.30am
Maple Hall



Evensong at Worcester Cathedral



Senior Music

Chamber Choir

Each year, the Chamber Choir takes the opportunity to sing in some spectacular cathedrals and chapels. The beauty of each Evensong is further made evident by the surroundings, and this November they will have the opportunity to sing in Worcester Cathedral.

Parents are invited to attend. Please take your seat before 5.15pm.

Tuesday 14th November, 5.30pm

Worcester Cathedral

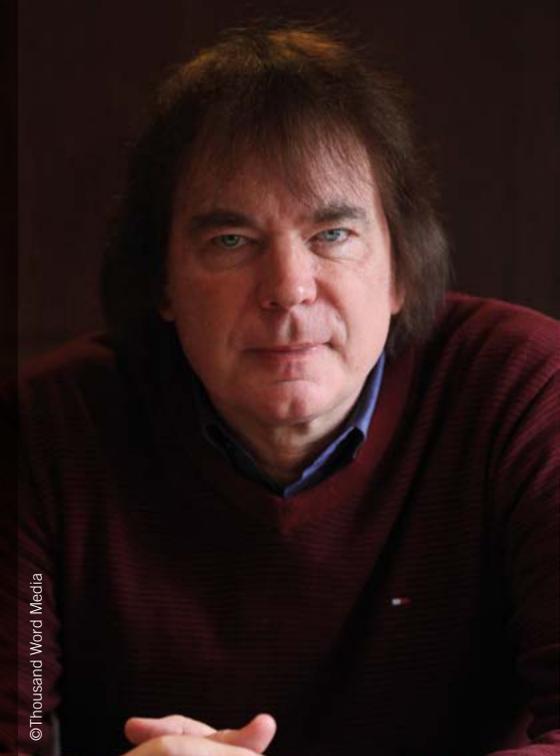


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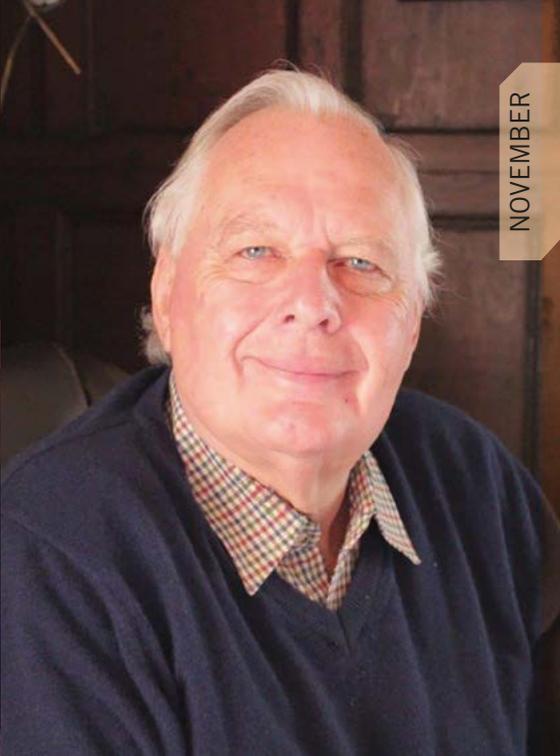
Senior, Prep, Pre-Prep, and Winterfold

The Grand Opening of the new Cobham Theatre by Lord Cobham and the re-opening of Routh Concert Hall and Music School by Julian Lloyd Webber.





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Orchestra, Big Band, Brass Group, String Orchestra and Choirs...

Tuesday 21st November, 2.00pm

Pupils attend the Grand Opening Concert Rehearsal.

Tuesday 21st November, 6.30pm

Parents of performers will be invited to the preview of the Grand Opening of Cobham Theatre, Routh Concert Hall and the new Music School.

Tickets will be available from the box office.

Wednesday 22nd November, 6.00pm

The Grand Opening of Cobham Theatre, Routh Concert Hall and the new Music School. By invitation only.

Cobham Theatre / Routh Concert Hall

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Music Scholarships

Applications are invited from talented musicians at
ages 11+, 13+ & 16+
Auditions 17th, 18th & 19th January 2018

Over 45 concerts a year are presented at the school from solo performances to large orchestral and choral works.

Music awards are offered to help nurture young talent, reward excellence, recognising and supporting musical potential. Scholars' free music lessons can be supplemented by generous means-tested bursaries.

For an informal discussion please contact James McKelvey,
Director of Music

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Come and see our impressive
new

Performing Arts Complex
opened in September 2017
facilities include:

Routh Concert Hall and
Cobham Theatre, which both
seat an audience of 300;
Large drama studio;
Multiple spacious teaching
and rehearsal areas.

Co-educational,
Day & Boarding

950 pupils aged 13-18
500 pupils aged 7 - 13



Prep House Song Competition



Prep Music

Pitting the four Bromsgrove Prep School Houses against each other, this event opens up the competition calendar for the year. Fiercely competitive, the event is themed to a chosen topic.

Free tickets; seats limited, contact Music Admin; Performances on YouTube channel.

Friday 24th November, 9.00am
Routh Concert Hall

National Concert Band Festival

Senior Music



Senior School's Big Band will perform at the Festival in Cheltenham.

More details from the Music School.

**Sunday 26th November, All Day
Cheltenham**



Advent Service

All Schools



Come and join us for our annual celebration of Advent. This traditional service is one of the most popular services each year; all parents and pupils are welcome. Tickets will be available from the box office.

**Sunday 3rd December, 5.30pm
Memorial Chapel**





Year 3-5 Christmas Concert



Prep Music

The Year 3-5 Christmas Concert is one of the highlights of the School year. Festive performances are given by all the ensembles in years 3-5, ranging from Recorder Group to Junior Choir. Guaranteed to start the season off with a rush of seasonal good spirits.

Free tickets; seats limited, contact Music Admin; Performances on YouTube channel.

Tuesday 5th December, 2.30pm
Routh Concert Hall



The Pierglass

Senior Drama

Announcing the arrival of the renowned Orlando Ballyvicks to the lately re-opened theatre in Portchester with an unusually attractive company of performers:

Miss Robina Leers, lately of 'The Lane', Mr Anthony Hawk, who can do everything tragic and comical, and Miss Elizabeth Lovage, noted for her arresting charms, are but three of his magnificent band of theatricals who will be mounting a stupendously costumed Macbeth, Hamlet, Romeo & Juliet, four melodramas and a pantomime!

6th – 9th December, 7.00pm

Cobham Theatre



By turns hilarious and spine-chilling, this multi award-winning play follows an intrepid group of actors, both onstage and behind the scenes, as they attempt to bring 'the Drama' to Portchester.

As art begins to mirror life, however, the dramatic and mysterious goings on in the town begin to overshadow anything the theatricals may have in their repertoire. Young Charlotte Bratton dreams of finding Romeo; dastardly Nicholas Thornhyde plots to make his fortune; dashing Ralph Ballyvicks struggles to live up to his father's ambitions...

A veritable theatrical treat for the first production in our new theatre which sees scheming actresses, aspiring hopefuls and dashing heroes rub shoulders with some truly dastardly villains and blushing young heroines.

Tickets are available from the School online box office at <https://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/whats-on.aspx>

DECEMBER



Year 6-8 Christmas Concert

Prep Music



Orchestra, Wind band, String Group, Prep and Chapel Choirs, Rock Group, Jazz Band and Staff Choir

The Year 6-8 Christmas Concert follows on from the success of the Year 3-5 concert with more festive performances given by all the Year 6-8 ensembles, ranging from Flute Group to Chapel Choir. This festive offering is guaranteed to light the way to the Christmas holidays.

Free tickets; seats limited, contact Music Admin; Performances on YouTube channel.

Monday 11th December, 7.00pm
Routh Concert Hall



Carol Services

All Schools



Pre-Prep

Tuesday 12th December, 2.15pm

Prep Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 13th December, 2.30pm

Senior School Boarders

Wednesday 13th December, 7.00pm

Years 5 – 8

Friday 15th December, 12.00pm

Senior School Day Pupils

Friday 15th December, 2.00pm

A religious celebration of Christmas led by pupils across the School featuring traditional carols and readings in Memorial Chapel.

Parents are welcome, contact Music Admin.

Memorial Chapel

Bromsgrove School Box Office



Bromsgrove School has its own online box office where tickets for any of our listed shows and performances can be reserved. Our Music School administrators are always happy to advise about the availability of tickets – please contact either Claire Peacock or Moira Cullen by phone or email for information.

We look forward to welcoming you to music and drama performances at Bromsgrove School.

Contact Details

Music Admin: Claire Peacock and Moira Cullen

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Box office web address: <https://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/whats-on.aspx>

Key Dates for Lent Term

January					
Year 7-13 Lunchtime & Evening Concerts	16/01/2018	13:20	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Year 5 Wind and Brass Presentation	16/01/2018	16:00	Prep Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Drama Scholarships Auditions	17/01/2018	All Day	Senior Drama	Senior School	
Music Scholarships Auditions	17-19/01/2018	All Day	Senior Music	Senior School	
Fourth Form House Drama Competition	23/01/2018	19:00	Senior Drama	Cobham Theatre	
Senior Scholars' Recital	25/01/2018	18:30	Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Year 7-13 Lunchtime & Evening Concerts	30/01/2018	19:00	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
February					
String Chamber Music Workshop	02/02/2018	All Day	Prep & Senior Music	Music School	
Year 7-13 String Chamber Concert	02/02/2018	16:15	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Year 3-5 House Music Competition	06/02/2018	14:30	Prep Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Year 7 & 8 Play: Tales from the Thousand and One Nights	06-08/02/2018	19:00	Prep Drama	Cobham Theatre	
Senior House Music Competition: Ensembles	08/02/2018	16:00	Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Senior House Music Competition: Solos	08/02/2018	19:00	Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Year 3-5 Strings Morning Recitals	27/02/2018	08:30	Prep Music	Maple Hall	
March					
Fifth & Sixth Form House Drama	01/03/2018	19:00	Senior Drama	Cobham Theatre	
Years 6-8, House Music Competition	02/03/2018	14:15	Prep Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Cultures Connect Concert	03/03/2018	19:00	Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Years 3- 5 Words and Music	05/03/2018	14:00	Prep Music	Cobham Theatre	
Chamber Choir Evensong	07/03/2018	All Day	Senior Music	Winchester Cathedral	
String Extravaganza	08/03/2018	All Day	Prep & Senior Music	Music School	
Orchestral Strings Concert	08/03/2018	16:15	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Fourth Form Play	15-17/03/2018	19:00	Senior Drama	Cobham Theatre	
A Level and IB Diploma Recitals	16/03/2018	19:00	Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	
Year 4 Play	22/03/2018	14:00	Prep Drama	Cobham Theatre	
Pop & Jazz Concert	22/03/2018	19:00	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall	

Key Dates for Michaelmas Term

September				
Big Sing Day	29/09/2017	All Day	Prep & Senior Music	Memorial Chapel
October				
Year 7-13 Lunchtime & Evening Concerts	10/10/2017	19:00	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall
Jazz Gig	13/10/2017	19:00	Prep & Senior Music	Hospitality Suite
Senior Inter-House Unison Song Competition	17/10/2017	15:10	Senior Music	Sports Arena
November				
Year 7-13 Lunchtime & Evening Concerts	07/11/2017	13:20	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall
Year 6-8 Remembrance Service	08/11/2017	08:30	Prep Music	Chapel
Year 3 String Presentation	09/11/2017	16:15	Prep Music	Routh Concert Hall
Evensong at Worcester Cathedral	14/11/2017	17:15	Senior Music	Worcester Cathedral
Year 3-5 Woodwind & Brass Recital	14/11/2017	08:30	Prep Music	Maple Hall
Grand Opening - Pupils	21/11/2017	14:00	Prep & Senior Music	Cobham / Routh
Grand Opening - Parents	21/11/2017	18:30	Prep & Senior Music	Cobham / Routh
Grand Opening - Guests	22/11/2017	18:00	Prep & Senior Music	Cobham / Routh
Prep House Song Competition	24/11/2017	09:00	Prep Music	Routh Concert Hall
National Concert Band Festival	26/11/2017	All Day	Senior Music	Cheltenham
Year 7-13 Lunchtime & Evening Concerts	28/11/2017	13:20	Prep & Senior Music	Routh Concert Hall
December				
Advent Service	03/12/2017	17:30	Prep & Senior	Memorial Chapel
Year 3-5 Christmas Concert	05/12/2017	14:30	Prep Music	Routh Concert Hall
The Pierglass	06-09/12/2017	19:00	Senior Drama & Music	Cobham Theatre
Year 6-8 Christmas Concert	11/12/2017	19:00	Prep Music	Routh Concert Hall
Pre-Prep Christmas Service	12/12/2017	14:15	Pre-Prep Music	Memorial Chapel
Year 3-4 Prep Carol Service	13/12/2017	14:30	Prep Music	Memorial Chapel
Senior Borders' Carol Service	14/12/2017	19:00	Senior Music	Memorial Chapel
Year 5-8 Prep Carol Service	15/12/2017	12:00	Prep Music	Memorial Chapel
Senior Day Pupils' Carol Service	15/12/2017	14:00	Senior Music	Memorial Chapel