



FACT FILE

Music at Woodstock

Woodstock is renowned for the strength and depth of its music programme. Expert individual instruction is available for piano, strings, brass, woodwind, percussion, voice, classical guitar and Indian classical instruments. Visiting performers often hold master classes within many of these disciplines throughout the school year.

Over 60 percent of Woodstock students participate in private lessons and ensembles. There are The Indian music programme includes not only instrumental instruction, but also traditional singing. Frequent recitals and concerts encourage performance from an early stage of expertise.

Musical instruction begins in Grade 3, with the option of studying piano or one of the four major orchestral string instruments. Instruction begins for voice, Indian music, classical guitar, brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments in Grade 6. Woodstock School has an ensemble-centred programme rather than being a virtuoso or exam-centred conservatory.

The Advanced Band, Advanced Orchestra, and High School Choir are the three cores around which the music department revolves. Out of these ensembles radiate the other ensembles, including four levels of string ensemble, three levels of band, three choirs of progressive levels, jazz band, jazz combos and chamber groups.

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM), London examinations have been held in Woodstock for several decades and there have been a consistently high number of students from Woodstock who have opted to sit these exams and perform exceptionally. The exams are held at different levels, starting at Prep, and then Levels 1-8, followed by a special Diploma test. ABRSM is a world-leading authority on musical assessment.

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