

Music News

A Level Results

Achievement in 2011 again compared exceptionally well with national figures, with a 100% pass rate and 59% of AS students and 75% of A2 students achieving high grades (A or B). Student destinations for music degrees in 2011 include Oxford and Cambridge, a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, the Royal Northern College of Music, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, King's London, Manchester, Bristol and the Tonmeister course at Surrey University.

Student Concerts

The department offers many opportunities for students to improve their performing skills, and the lunchtime recital series continues this year, with the focus on classical repertoire on Wednesdays and contemporary music on Thursdays. All our ensembles (choirs, chamber ensembles, jazz band and orchestra) get a chance to play at Thornden Hall and the Turner Sims Concert Hall at Southampton University. There are also workshops and master-classes with visiting experts throughout the year.



Music at Peter Symonds

There are currently about 150 students studying Music and/or Music Technology A level at Peter Symonds. There is a strong, experienced teaching team, including A level examiners and professional players of national repute. Music students receive free tuition on their main instrument or voice, and have the opportunity to perform in a variety of bands, orchestras and choirs.

The music department is in a detached Victorian house on the College site. Facilities include teaching rooms, eight practice rooms and three computer rooms with Sibelius, Cubase and Logic, plus a Recital room with a Steinway grand piano, a Concert room and two recording studios. There is a music library which holds an extensive range of CDs, scores and reference books. There are also fifteen pianos including three grand pianos, drum kits and a variety of percussion instruments.

The department also runs the Hampshire Specialist Music Course. Students on this course receive additional coaching, including free tuition on both their first and second study instruments, and many solo and chamber performance opportunities. Auditions for entry to this course take place in February.

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Music Diary 2011-12



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Dates for the diary

2011

A Level Music Trip

Friday 7 October

Berlioz, Mendelssohn, Prokofiev
– Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
7.45pm – The Anvil, Basingstoke

HSMC Open Morning

Saturday 15 October

10.00am – 12 noon
Recital Room, Peter Symonds College

HSMC Chamber Concert

Monday 17 October

7.30pm – St Mary's Church, Kingsworthy
£7.00/£5.00 concessions

Jean-Efflam Bavouzet, Piano

Lunchtime recital and masterclass

Friday 21 October

1.00pm – Recital Room, Peter Symonds College
£7.00/£5.00 concessions

Liszt 200th Anniversary Celebration Concert

Saturday 22 October

7.30pm – Thornden Hall, Chandlers Ford
£7.00/£5.00 concessions



Finals of Peter Symonds College Young Musician 2011

Classical Final - Thursday 3 November

7.30pm - Recital Room, Peter Symonds College
Adjudicator: David Hill - Musical Director of The Bach
Choir and BBC Singers £5.00 / Students free

Contemporary Final – Friday 4 November

7.30pm - Recital Room, Peter Symonds College
£5.00 / Students free

HSMC Choral and Brass Concert

Friday 11 November

7.30pm – St Bartholomew's Church, Hyde, Winchester
£6 / Students free

College Concert

Tuesday 29 November

7.30pm – Thornden Hall, Chandlers Ford
£7.00/£5.00 concessions

Carol Service at Winchester Cathedral

Monday 12 December

7.30pm – Winchester Cathedral Free Entrance

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Teenage Cancer Trust Fundraising Concert

Friday 13 January

7.30pm – Varley Theatre £6.00/£3.00 concessions

HSMC Concert

Thursday 19 January

7.30pm – Winchester Rotary Club
Milner Hall, Winchester Tickets – Limited availability

HSMC Auditions

23 – 25 January

Recital Room, Peter Symonds College

A Level Recital Recordings

26 January – 10 February

Recital Room, Peter Symonds College

Founder's Day Evensong

Wednesday 14 March

5.30pm – Winchester Cathedral
Free Entrance

College Concert at Turner Sims

Tuesday 20 March

7.30pm – Turner Sims, Southampton
£7.00/£5.00 concessions

Concert sponsored by the Vaughan Williams Charitable Trust

Wednesday 28 March

7.30pm – Milner Hall, Winchester
£7.00/£5.00 concessions

HSMC at Winchester Cathedral

Tuesday 1 May

Lunchtime Recital at 1.00pm
Winchester Cathedral Free Entrance

HSMC End of Year Concert

Tuesday 1 May

7.30pm – United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester
£7.00/£5.00 concessions

HSMC Concert

Monday 25 June

3.00pm – St Swithun's – Headbourne Worthy
Tickets – Limited availability

Summer Chamber Music Series

Monday 2 and Monday 9 July

1.00pm – Recital Room, Peter Symonds College
£5.00/ Students free

