



Fantastic performance opportunities

The Cherwell School, in partnership with Oxfordshire County Music Service and Dr. John Traill, Director of Music at St. Anne's College, Oxford offers an exciting enhanced AS and A2 Music Course, based at the school, the Centre for Music (Oxford) with access to special provision delivered at St. Anne's College (Oxford). One of the largest centres for post-16 Music study in Oxfordshire, The Cherwell School is now able to offer not only the usual classes, but also specially designated workshops, concerts, recitals, lectures and seminars, led by the highest calibre of musicians, and with extra mentoring support from University of Oxford Music Students. This unique course is an ideal preparation for students who want to maximise their understanding of Music and who wish to pursue Music at Higher Education level.

All Genres of Music



Key Dates

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 9th January 2014

Application deadlines
Mon 3rd Feb

Auditions
Dates to be confirmed

Sixth Form Induction
24-26th June 2014

Key Benefits of the Advanced Preparatory Course:

- Unique access to University lectures, recitals and mentoring support;
- Free access to advanced ensembles, including Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra and other leading groups;
- Regular recital opportunities;
- Support for young composers;
- Access to professional concerts;
- High level additional support for composing, harmony and counterpoint;
- Additional time to practice instruments and attend enrichment activities;
- Discounted instrumental lessons with OCMS;
- Arts Award Gold.

For more information on this programme please do not hesitate to contact Ellie Hollindale, Faculty Leader for Performing Arts (The Cherwell School) or Tony Mealings (OMEP)



**The Cherwell School in Partnership
with Oxfordshire County Music**



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In addition to AS and A2 classes, students will be given:

- Recitals and lectures at St Anne's College, Oxford, led by Director of Music, Dr. John Traill, specifically tailored to the needs of the students on this course;
- Mentoring support from University students;
- Composition workshops;
- Access to participation in master-classes, competitions and recitals;
- Support for young composers, including opportunity to have works performed
- Membership of suitable advanced ensembles of Oxfordshire County Music Service (OCMS) with major performance opportunities;
- Workshops in conducting and other aspects of musicianship.

Students undertaking the full course will receive membership of an OCMS advanced ensemble (non-touring) and the Advanced Course for Young Musicians, at no charge. This course, unique in the U.K., will give students not only an exceptional level of quality teaching and support, but also the opportunity develop into fully rounded young musicians and gain an insight into what it is like to study at a major world-class university.

It is recognised that whilst some students studying Music will wish to undertake the full 4 AS Levels, for those wishing to study music in depth and for whom further study at conservatoire or university level is a possibility, there is a need to maximise the available time for practising their instruments and developing their performing, composing and other musical skills.

Therefore, whilst a standard AS and A level Music route, with 3 other AS subjects is also available at The Cherwell, students on this course will study three AS Levels. Additional time will be devoted to performance, master classes delivered through the Advance Musician Programme and additionally focussing on the Arts Mark Gold Award (which carries 35 UCAS points). High grade Instrumental and vocal exams also carry significant UCAS points to supplement university applications (offers are usually based on 3 A levels).

Students will be expected to continue all three AS levels to A2 unless they are exceptional performers and certain that a conservatoire is their destination.



Students considering this path will be required to audition in the summer term prior to starting sixth form and should be a minimum of Grade Six standard on their principal instrument (exam or teacher endorsement). It is expected that all students will aim to achieve grade 7 or 8 on their first instrument, and will study a second instrument to grade 4 or 5. Composers may, alternatively, present a portfolio of composition at audition.

Students on the Oxford Advanced Preparatory Music Course are expected to attend the additional sessions at the Centre for Music and St. Anne's College as part of their curriculum provision and will be able to access these opportunities at no additional cost (representing a substantial financial saving). These are:

- Approximately 14 Friday evening sessions occurring through the academic year at St. Anne's College, with recitals, lectures and mentoring support (The Advanced Course for Young Musicians)
- Approximately 30 ensemble session at the Centre for Music (may include Saturday mornings or evening sessions).

Students will be able to access high-level professional instrumental and vocal tuition through Oxfordshire County Music Service (at additional cost) with a special discount, giving students a 45 minute lesson for the price of a normal 30 minute lesson.



Arts Mark Gold Accreditation

The Cherwell School has recently been nationally recognised for outstanding contribution to arts and cultural education

Arts mark Gold has been awarded to **The Cherwell School** for its commitment to, and excellence in, arts and cultural education.

The award recognises that The Cherwell School has an excellent arts and cultural offer and effective approach to building sustainable relationships with arts and cultural organisations, with the report stating that "the school is forward thinking and open to development, committed to investing in its staff and young people, listening to its students and providing opportunities for its community; has an effective approach to building sustainable relationships with arts and cultural organisations; and values the arts and culture through a broad and balanced curriculum".

Gold Level Arts Award at The Cherwell School

The Cherwell School will be offering this award to students in Sixth Form from September 2014. Employers, universities and colleges know that Gold Arts Award is a qualification that shows young people's level of commitment and progress in the arts, and in developing new skills. This award carries thirty five UCAS points.

Oxfordshire Music Education Partnership

This is the Music Education Hub for Oxfordshire, led by Oxfordshire County Music Service. The partnership includes professional orchestras, venues, H.E. providers and a wide range of providers across the spectrum of musical genres. Students on the course will benefit from access to, and enrichment from these organisations, which include Oxford Philomusica, Oxford's professional orchestra, in residence at the University of Oxford.

