

Bassaleg Music Department Extra-Curricular

At Bassaleg school we are delighted to offer a range of extra-curricular musical activities.

Peripatetic Music lessons are offered in school through Gwent Music. Please visit the website <https://www.gwentmusic.co.uk/> for more details. Pupils are encouraged to take up this opportunity and are supported by all staff in this.

We offer three choirs in school.

A Junior Choir led by Mrs Davies for those pupils in Year 7 and 8, meeting weekly at lunchtime, they learn a variety of songs and perform in concerts both in and out of school. Highlights have included singing in Symphony Hall as part of the National Festival of Youth competition and performing in St. Davids Hall.

Senior Choir is for pupils in Year 9 – 13, rehearsing weekly again and is led by Mr Keates and Mrs Davies. Performing a wide repertoire of songs from musical hits to choral classics, they perform both in and out of school. Recent highlights include performances at St. Davids Hall, Celtic Manor and many more.

Chamber Choir is for 6th form pupils only. They are led by Mrs Davies and Mr Keates and sing in a wide range of styles. They rehearse weekly and will perform in many venues including Llandaff Cathedral and school concerts.

For the instrumentalists we offer

String Orchestra for orchestral string players, performing in all of our school concerts and playing a wide range of styles including works by our own pupils. They have also featured on our recent tour to Belgium in 2019.

Big Band for players who like to perform Jazz music. Playing a wide range of jazz standard and modern hits, this group are flexible and versatile, performing in many venues across the region and beyond. Again, featuring in our recent concert tour of Belgium.

Wind Band is for woodwind, brass and percussion players. This group has performed in many of the countries top concert halls and won prizes at competitions for their innovative performances. They also performed in the recent concert tour of Belgium, where they represented the school by performing at the Menin Gate, Last Post Ceremony.

All of these groups are non-auditioned, come along and have a listen and look. Speak to your Music teacher if you are interested!

School Musical Productions

Over the last 10 years, productions such as Les Miserables, Grease, Oliver and Beauty and the Beast have been put on. Shows are auditioned and include support from across all levels of the school. Many members of staff and pupils get involved in all aspects from marketing, stage management, lighting, sound, production and catering. It's certainly a highlight of the school calendar when it's show time.

Please see below for a selection of pictures of recent productions.