



Extra-Curricular Music Activities

- All students must register, **including existing students**, before attending rehearsals.
- To keep students regularly informed of practices and performance dates, a MS Team will be used for each activity. Please set your MS Teams notifications to 'ON'.
- Regular attendance is paramount. There is a level of commitment expected from all students who sign up to these activities. Should a student be absent, we ask that they send an email to appropriate teacher (see page 2 of this document). If they miss 2 rehearsals without explanation, they will be automatically removed from the MS Team group and will have to reapply.
- Email csawyer@st-andrews.ie for any queries.

Choir

Mixed Voice Choir SATB

1st - 6th Year Boys & Girls

Wednesday 8am

[register here](#)

Orchestra

All players and levels welcome

Basic level sight-reading required

Friday 8am

[register here](#)

Trad/Folk Fusion Group

All welcome

Beginners to proficient players

Thursday 8am

[register here](#)

Jazz Fusion

Two 8-week courses (Starting Sept and Jan)

All players welcome

Sight-reading/theory skills essential

Lunchtime TBC

[register here](#)

Music Technology Club

8-week course (Sept– Nov)

Limited spaces

Mornings 8am TBC

[register here](#)

Chamber Groups

For special occasions

1st – 6th Year Girls & Boys

TBC

Vocal and Instrumental groups

Students will be chosen from the larger ensembles for these

🎵 **Watch out for exciting music events throughout the year!** 🎵

Mixed Voice Choir SATB - Directors: Ms. C. Sawyer & Ms. Noone

This choir is a mixed voice choir – SATB: Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses. It is open to all boys and girls from 1st – 6th year. This choir will perform at the Opening Ceremony, the Carol Service and the End of year music department concerts. Here are some examples of repertoire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU7Va2wc3fE> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MhWxh4bXfM> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v=TSEsFgUQrQk>

St. Andrew's College Orchestra - Director: Ms. C. Sawyer

The orchestra welcomes all students who play an instrument and can read music. The music will be of the relevant standard for each performer. They perform at events throughout the year including the Carol Service and the End of year music department concerts. Smaller ensembles are created from this large group throughout the year for many other events. Here are some examples of repertoire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lq0yl2aCPXg> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pYK0ytzwX8> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSEsFgUQrQk> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oV9bCJ8uGoo>

Trad/Folk Fusion Group – Director: Ms. A. Noone

This group meets once a week to play modern arrangements of Irish traditional music and performs at events throughout the year including Intercultural week, Seachtain na Gaeilge and the End of year music department concerts. All traditional players are welcome including those who play by ear. Notation will be provided for those who require written music. This group is also suitable for all guitarists: acoustic, electric, bass guitars and ukuleles – which enhance the jazz, rock and fusion sound. Music is arranged and adapted to suit all standards including TAB, chords and regular classical notation. Here are some examples of repertoire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sphFPrOrPiw> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuMnLCTxW7I> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YA_2_dZ_e2c

Chamber groups: Vocal & instrumental - Director: Ms. C. Sawyer

These are smaller choirs and instrumental groups created for certain events throughout the year. Some chamber choirs will be mixed voice SATB (SATB: Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses) and others may be SSA (SSA: Soprano 1, Soprano 2 and Alto). Instrumental chamber groups may be duets, string quartets, quintets or wind ensembles. These groups will meet more regularly coming up to events and will require full attendance and commitment. Rehearsals will take place at lunchtimes or at 8:15am. They will perform at the Carol Service, Remembrance Service, Prizegiving, End of Year Music Concerts and other events throughout the school year. There will be auditions for these chamber groups. Here are some examples of repertoire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gv0gC-asSrs> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f655mP-kUdw>

The Music Tech Club - Director: Mr. A. Gallagher

This club is led by Mr. Alexander Gallagher who will help students with an interest in GarageBand pursue the skills required to compose their own electronic music, songs and arrangements. Classes take place in the Digital Creative Suite.

Jazz Fusion – Director: Mr. G. Lloyd

These groups meet weekly to perform jazz/rock/pop fusion under the direction of renowned jazz pianist and composer Mr. Greg Lloyd. His vast experience as a teacher and performer helps students gain invaluable skills in improvisation and jazz/rock/pop ensemble performance. Group(s) will be created due to demand. Please note that it is essential to be able to sight-read notation, understand chords and understand key signatures. There are two 8-week courses: one in term 1 and one in term 2. Attendance is mandatory in order for these groups to progress.