



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE
DUBLIN

Music

Music is everywhere at Alexandra College, whether it be lessons on a broad range of instruments, rehearsals for one of our many productions or a performance in the Henrietta White Centre, the sound of singing and playing is always in the air.

There is much demand for music tuition and we meet this in a separate building with ten rooms dedicated to music, where we offer a comprehensive range of instrumental and vocal tuition, provided by ten experienced music teachers.

Our emphasis on performance gives the girls a real understanding of the range of skills involved in presenting shows and musicals.

Tuition is available in:

- Piano
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Flute
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Percussion
- Harp
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Guitar
- Solo Singing

Ensemble groups include:

- Intermediate Choir
- College Choir
- College Chamber Choir
- College Orchestra
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- College Jazz Club
- College Traditional Band

Ensemble experience

All girls are encouraged to partake in the ensemble music experience at the college. The College Orchestra is an inclusive group for orchestral players from all years and of all standards including string, wind, brass and percussion players. The more advanced string players can play in the College Chamber Orchestra. And we also have a Jazz Club and Traditional Band to give girls experience of playing together in these styles.

College choirs

In our choirs girls get to perform at school concerts, including carol and harvest services, and they also take part in competitions at music festivals at home and abroad. The College Choir provides high-level choral singing experience. Its sacred and secular music is a highlight of College functions and it has won prizes at many national and international choral competitions.

The Culwick Cup

Every year all of our students have an annual competition for choirs, as year groups compete for the Culwick Cup. Each group must teach themselves a prescribed song and provide their own accompaniment and conductor. The competition has run since 1923 and is a highlight in the school year. The choirs are competitive and creative as they seek to surprise and delight with their work.

Studying music

Students may choose to study music for the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams, and they gain deeper skills in composing, performing and listening. Students commonly use existing College groups as part of their practical exam, including the choir or one of our traditional, rock and jazz groups. Success rates are high, with more than 90% of students achieving A and B grades in the exams.

