



Owen's Co-Curricular Music 2025/2026

Come and join us!

<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
Junior Choir <i>Ms Sutherland</i>	Open to everyone in Years 7 & 8, Come & sing with us, all welcome! Our songs come from a wide variety of styles, including pop, jazz, gospel, musical theatre, folk, traditional and world music.	Wednesdays 1pm - 1.30pm	Studio
Junior Chamber Choir <i>Mr Southorn</i>	Open to members of Junior and Senior Choirs, Years 7 – 9, by audition. We sing two and three part choral arrangements of songs in classical, pop, jazz, traditional/folk styles, along with songs from films and shows.	Tuesdays 1pm - 1.30pm <i>Auditions</i>	Studio
Senior Choir <i>Mr Page & Mr Southorn</i>	Open to everyone in Years 9-13. Any standard, all welcome! Come and experience the excitement of a full SATB (mixed voice) choir. Our songs come from a wide variety of styles, including pop, jazz, gospel, musical theatre, folk, traditional and world music.	Fridays 1pm – 1.30pm	Studio
Senior Chamber Choir <i>Ms Makepeace-Lott</i>	Open to members of the Senior Choir (Y10–13) by audition. We aspire to sing a wide range of adventurous repertoire in 4 parts (or more) including large-scale works with the orchestra.	Thursdays 1pm – 1.30pm <i>Auditions</i>	Studio
Close Harmony Group <i>Ms Makepeace-Lott</i>	For advanced singers in Y12 & Y13 (with the occasional addition of Y11s as required). We perform a <i>cappella</i> both in school and out of school, including at public events, weddings and competitions.	Mondays 1pm – 1.30pm <i>Auditions</i>	M3

Concert Band <i>Mr Kelly</i>	Open to KS4&5 players of all woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments, and also double or electric bass players. You should be playing at about grade 6 standard+. New players may be asked to audition. We play a wide variety of music, some of it very challenging, but all of it is Fun!	Mondays 4pm – 5pm	EGH
Second Band <i>Mr Crossley</i>	Open to Y7-10 players of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, with a minimum standard of approx grade 3. We play a wide variety of wind band repertoire - film music, pop, classical....come along and try it!	Mondays 1pm – 1.30pm	EGH
Junior Ensemble <i>Ms Bamber</i>	Come and join Y7, 8 and 9 students to explore a wide range of music and ways of working, including improvising. All instruments and levels of experience are welcome. No auditions; mentors also welcomed - <i>Just come along and give it a go!</i>	Thursdays 1pm – 1.30pm	EGH
Second Orchestra <i>Mrs Brady</i>	Come along to Second Orchestra! It is non-auditioned and welcomes students from KS3, KS4 and KS5 who play Strings/Woodwind/Brass/Percussion, approx. Grades 4-8.	Wednesdays 4pm – 5pm	EGH
Symphony Orchestra <i>Ms Bamber</i>	Performing exciting symphonic repertoire, open to advanced wind, brass, percussion & string players, Y10-13. In general, approx gr. 7+, Wind, brass and new string players may be asked to do an informal audition. (Y9s may be able to join alongside maintaining a commitment to other Owen's ensembles.)	Tuesdays 4pm – 5pm	EGH

Chamber Orchestra <i>Ms Bamber</i>	<p>Come and join some of DAOS' most senior orchestral players to explore the chamber orchestra repertoire, to include pieces from the Classical period.</p> <p>Open to members of the Symphony Orchestra, by audition, with a suggested standard of grade 8+ for strings and upper woodwind, grade 7+ for bassoons and brass.</p>	<p>Tuesdays 5pm – 5.30pm</p>	<p>EGH</p>
Junior Chamber Strings <i>Ms Bamber</i>	<p>Open to advanced string players in Y7-9 who are already at an approx. standard of grade 5 or above (except double basses gr 4). Come and explore the repertoire of centuries of string orchestra music. Speak to Ms Bamber if you are unsure.</p>	<p>Mondays 1-1.30pm</p>	<p>Studio</p>
Senior Strings <i>Mr Widden</i>	<p>Entry is by invitation. Y9 upwards; minimum standard is roughly grade 7-8 for all instruments except double basses. We tackle ambitious repertoire; apart from performing at the school concerts, we regularly enter the Music for Youth Festival. See Mr Widden if you are interested in joining.</p>	<p>Thursdays 4pm – 5pm</p>	<p>EGH</p>
Jazz Collective <i>Mr Crossley</i>	<p>We learn jazz standards, create and improvise music by ear in a friendly, supportive environment. Develop your jazz and listening skills and enjoy the freedom of playing without sheet music. Open to ALL instruments, ALL abilities, ALL ages. Come along and try it!</p>	<p>Fridays 8.35 – 9.05am</p>	<p>M1</p>
Soul Band 2 <i>Mr Crossley</i>	<p>Playing some of the best hit songs, SB2 is for singers and instrumentalists in Years 8-11 via audition. We play a range of music including Soul, Motown, Pop, 80s, R&B and Rock. SB2 line-up consists of singers, saxes, trumpets, trombones, electric guitar, bass, keyboards, drums and percussion.</p>	<p>Thursdays 4pm-5pm</p> <p><i>Auditions</i></p>	<p>Studio</p>

Jazz Ensemble 2 (Starts after February half term) <i>Mr Crossley</i>	JE2 plays the best of swing, jazz, funk and blues music with opportunities for improvising and composition. We use saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm section (piano/keys/guitar/bass/drums). Grade 3+ standard, by invitation. (Speak to Mr Crossley)	Thursdays 4pm-5pm (Starts after February half term)	Studio
Soul Band 1 <i>Mr Page & Mr Southorn</i>	We play everything from old-school Soul and Funk classics to modern Pop and Dance tunes. Open to students in Years 11-13 by audition. SB1 line-up consists of singers, saxophones, brass, keyboard, guitar, bass, drums and percussion.	Wednesdays 4pm-5pm <i>Auditions</i>	Studio
Jazz Ensemble 1 (Starts after February half term) <i>Mr Kelly</i>	A jazz ensemble using Trumpets, Trombones, Saxophones, Piano, Bass, Guitar, Drums/Percussion playing a varied repertoire including music by Pat Metheny, Duke Ellington, Jacob Mann and Thelonius Monk. Players should be of Grade 6+standard. Jazz vocalists are also welcome! Entry to this ensemble is by invitation. (Speak to Mr Kelly)	Wednesdays 4pm-5pm	Studio
Brass Band <i>Mr Kelly</i>	For all brass players of Grade 3 standard upwards, including trumpet, french horn, trombone,tenor horn, euphonium, trombone and tuba, playing a variety of musical styles. Weekly rehearsals and regular chamber concert performances. Entry to this ensemble is by invitation. (Speak to Mr Kelly)	Fridays 1pm-1.30pm	EGH
Brass Ensemble <i>Mr Kelly</i>	For brass players of Grade 6 standard and above, playing in a range of musical styles. This ensemble rehearses weekly and performs in regular	Fridays 8.35am-9.05am	Studio

	chamber concerts and other school functions including the Carol Service and Senior Visitation. Entry to this ensemble is by invitation. (Speak to Mr Kelly)		
Junior Percussion Ensemble <i>Ms McChrystal</i>	Open to all students (years 7-9) who are having tuned percussion, drum kit and/or piano tuition. We also need a grade 3+ electric bass player.	Tuesdays 1.05pm-1.35pm	EGH
Senior Percussion Ensemble <i>Ms McChrystal</i>	Welcome to all percussion, drum kit and piano students (years 10-13).	Tuesdays 12.35pm-1.05pm	EGH
Y7&8 Drumming Club <i>Ms McChrystal</i>	Open to anyone who has an interest in drumming. We learn different rhythms and grooves from around the world and how to play lots of varied percussion instruments. Come along and join in creating some beats with us.	Wednesdays 1.00-1.30pm	EGH
Flute Ensemble <i>Ms Smith</i>	An ensemble for flute players in years 7 to 10. Covering a wide range of repertoire whilst developing ensemble skills. Gr3-8 standard, all welcome!	Wednesdays 1.00-1.30pm	
Saxophone Ensemble <i>Mr Crossley</i>	An ensemble for all saxophone players, all standards, playing a wide range of fun repertoire. Speak to Mr Crossley about joining!	Thursdays 1-1.30pm	M1
Clarinet Ensemble <i>Mr Crossley</i>	This is a student-led ensemble for clarinettists of all standards - lots of fun pieces to play and develop your ensemble and listening skills.	Thursdays 8.35-9.05am	M3

Wind Chamber Music <i>Mr Crossley</i>	An opportunity for advanced wind players (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, french horn) to join one of our two wind chamber groups. Membership is by invitation, so speak to Mr Crossley or Ms Bamber if interested.	Thursdays 8.35-9.05am	M1 and Studio
Double Reed Ensemble <i>Ms Wild</i> <i>(Autumn term only)</i>	Open to all oboists (including cor anglais players) and bassoonists Grade 1-8. Everyone will be challenged and a chance for more experienced players to inspire the younger members of the double reed team. Come along and enjoy playing lots of fun repertoire!	Tuesdays 1pm-1.30pm	M3
Recorder Ensemble <i>Ms Wild</i> <i>(starts Spring Term)</i>	Open to recorder players from Grade 2-8. Descant, Treble, Tenor and Bass players welcome. Come and explore a wide range of repertoire, maybe try a recorder you haven't played before and experience the amazing ensemble sound of this wonderful instrument.	Tuesdays 1pm-1.30pm	M3
String Chamber Ensembles	We are able to offer some opportunities for advanced players to perform in chamber groups – quartets, quintets, trios etc. By invitation. <i>Speak to Mr Widden or Ms Bamber if you are interested</i>		
Guitar Ensemble <i>Mr Niesyto</i>	Open to all years for acoustic guitar players Grade 1 standard upwards reading musical notation. Playing a varied repertoire of music - classical, pop, rock, folk, blues. No audition required. Speak to Mr Niesyto on a Tuesday or Wednesday in M8.	Wednesdays 1pm-1.30pm	M1

Owen's Contemporary Music Group <i>Mr Kelly</i>	Open to advanced String, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion and Piano players with curiosity (and courage).	Wednesdays 1pm-1.30pm	M3
Composition, Song-writing & Music Production Club <i>Mr Bennett</i>	Available to any student in years 7-13 who is interested in composing across a range of styles and genres, interested in songwriting and/or music production. An opportunity to share musical ideas and create new pieces!	Wednesdays 12.45-1.30pm	M2
Rock Bands	All Year Groups. See Music Staff for booking details M10 booking opens Monday break time each week	Various	M10

****AUDITIONS****

PLEASE SEE THE ENSEMBLE LEADER OR NOTICES IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT FOR DETAILS ON AUDITION DATES & TIMES**