

Prep Music House Singing

Prep School pupils raised their game for the House Singing Competition this year with the theme of Musicals. Performances included songs from *The Lion King*, ABBA and *Les Misérables*, but the triumphant House this year was Darby, with their phenomenal rendition of 'Any Dream Will Do' from Joseph. Director of Music Mr McKelvey had the very difficult job of adjudicating the competition, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Christmas CD

During the Michaelmas term, Bromsgrove School produced their first CD: 'Advent to Christmas'. Prep School Choir, Chapel Choir and Junior Choir featured on the CD, providing beautiful recordings of Christmas favourites and secular repertoire.

Chapel Choir

The newly formed Chapel Choir had an outstanding year. Many students auditioned and the successful 36 members worked tirelessly throughout the academic year to showcase their voices during the Harvest, Remembrance, Advent, Christmas, Easter and Leavers'



Services. They also competed at the Worcester Competitive Arts Festival, along with Jazz Group, with both groups winning their classes. They were then invited back to the Winner's Concert, where once again, their voices impressed a large audience.

Prep School Concerts

Our Junior and Senior ensembles have grown in size considerably, meaning this was the first year we held both Junior and Senior Christmas and Summer Concerts. All of the pupils entertained spectators and the Junior Choir of 110 members could barely fit onto the Cobham Hall stage! Our groups have been so committed throughout the year and a huge thank you goes out to the Chapel Choir, Prep School Choir, Junior Choir, Orchestra, Junior Orchestra, Jazz Group, Brass Group, Rock Group, Flute Group, Ukulele Group, Cello Group, and Year 7 and 8 Steel Pans.



Junior and Senior House Music Competition

There was fierce competition in the House Music Competitions this year and all students displayed an outstanding level of performance. Congratulations go out to the Junior Competition Winners: Sophia Meadows (overall winner, trumpet), Saniye Alvarez del Villar Anaya (piano), Sebastian Hall (strings, violin), Jake Wingfield (brass, trumpet), Max Goodwin (percussion, drums), Grace Warren (voice) and Eleanor Boardman (woodwind, recorder). Later in the year our Senior Competition got underway and congratulations go out to Jude Wynter (overall winner, piano), Emma Dolan (piano), Keira Sehdeva (strings, violin), Joshua Osborn-Patel (brass, French horn), Max Campbell (percussion, drums), Lucy Trigg (voice) and Thomas Chapman (woodwind, saxophone).



Year 3 Strings Scheme

The new and exciting Year 3 Strings Initiative was launched in September 2014 with a whole class presentation by the String Department teachers. This was the beginning of a wonderful new project in which all Year 3 pupils were given group lessons on a String Family instrument (violin, viola, cello or double bass) free of charge for one year as part of their class music lesson. Lessons take place in a group setting and last for the duration of Year 3. Making music has been part of small groups as well as performing within a larger, full-string ensemble setting. Concerts were scheduled throughout the year to showcase the pupils' progress, many of whom had never picked up an instrument before.



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