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SCHOOL

Music at Crosfields

The background features several thick, wavy lines in various shades of blue and purple, creating a dynamic and artistic feel. The lines are positioned around the central text, with some curving over and under the words.

Inspiring **Confidence**,
Creativity and **Connection**
Through **Music**



At Crosfields, music isn't just a subject, it is a language that brings our community to life.

We see music as an integral part of everyday learning, creating a vibrant atmosphere where melodies fill the corridors and creativity thrives. Led by a team of highly skilled and passionate music specialists, our Music Department is dedicated to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to explore, enjoy, and excel in music. We believe in making music accessible, inspiring, and fun - nurturing confidence, expression, and a lifelong love of the arts.



From First Notes to Lifelong Passion.

A Thriving Culture of Music

Music at Crosfields is vibrant, inclusive, and ambitious. Every child has the opportunity to participate, whether joining a choir, orchestra, or jazz band, or performing in one of our many concerts and festivals throughout the year.

Our curriculum nurtures curiosity and musical understanding from the earliest years, while our co-curricular programme provides a wealth of opportunities to perform, collaborate and shine.

Specialist Teachers & Professional Mentorship

Led by a team of highly skilled musicians, many of whom perform professionally across the UK and beyond, the Music Department offers expertise across all disciplines, including piano, voice, harp, brass, strings, woodwind, guitar, and percussion.

Each pupil receives personalised guidance that supports both technical skill and creative growth. Lessons are tailored to individual goals, whether that's progressing through graded exams (ABRSM, Trinity, Rock School) or simply enjoying music for its own reward.

Performance and Participation

Performance is at the heart of music-making at Crosfields. Pupils regularly take part in school concerts, assemblies, and community events such as the Carol Service, Speech Day, and local music festivals.

Our ensembles, from choirs and orchestras to smaller chamber and rock groups, give children the confidence to perform as part of a team, celebrating both talent and effort. Every performance, no matter the scale, helps pupils build self-assurance, resilience, and joy through shared achievement.

“We chose Crosfields for its values, and it's been the best decision we've made.”

“At Crosfields, our musicians don't just learn notes – they learn confidence, creativity, and a love of performing that lasts a lifetime.”





Every Child, Every Instrument, Every Possibility.

Our Approach

Every member of our music staff believes that music should be accessible, enjoyable, and enriching for all. Whether a pupil is learning their first notes or preparing for advanced examinations, our teachers provide personalised support and expert guidance.

Through a blend of one-to-one lessons, group ensembles, and whole-school performances, the department ensures that every child experiences the joy and achievement that music brings.

Developing Lifelong Musicians

At Crosfields, music is more than an activity, it's a lifelong passion. Through creative composition, ensemble collaboration and performance opportunities, pupils develop essential life skills: listening, teamwork, concentration and self-expression.

We aim to foster musicians who not only play well but also think creatively, communicate confidently, and appreciate the value of art in every form.

Why Parents Choose Music at Crosfields

- Expert, dedicated music staff with real-world performing experience.
- Opportunities for all pupils, regardless of experience or ability.
- A broad mix of ensembles and choirs at every stage.
- Access to graded music exams and advanced tuition.
- Frequent concerts and performance opportunities.
- A nurturing environment that values creativity, teamwork, and joy.

Why Music at Crosfields Stands Out

Expert Teachers: A faculty of professional musicians and educators with global experience.

Inclusive Opportunities: Choirs, orchestras, jazz groups, ensembles, and solo tuition for all levels.

Performance Culture: Regular concerts, festivals, and cross-school collaborations.

Individual Growth: Lessons tailored to every child's goals — from enjoyment to excellence.

Accredited Pathways: Preparation for ABRSM, Trinity, and Rock School examinations.



Meet Our Music Team

Professional Musicians.
Passionate Teachers.
Inspiring Young Performers.

Our Music Department is led by a team of dedicated, talented professionals who bring a wealth of musical experience to every lesson and performance. Senior and Junior Music music teachers – Richard Adams (Director of Music), Alice Westley-Smith (Curriculum Lead for Performing Arts) and Katherine Bond-Smith (Junior Music teacher). Each member of the team is both an accomplished performer and an inspiring teacher, committed to nurturing confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love of music in every pupil.

A Few Of Our Specialists

Director of Music – Richard Adams

Richard leads the department with creativity, energy, and vision. A passionate advocate for inclusive music-making, he directs our ensembles and choirs while fostering opportunities for every child to perform and grow. His leadership ensures that music remains central to life at Crosfields, from Nursery to Senior years.

Instrumental & Vocal Tutors

Ian Westley – Piano and Singing

Ian has been part of Crosfields for over 17 years, teaching piano and singing while accompanying choirs and soloists. A graduate of Reading University, Ian's distinguished career spans work as a teacher, organist, accompanist, and conductor. He currently conducts and accompanies several local choirs, sharing his deep love of music and performance with every pupil.



[Full list of teachers on our website.](#)

Elizabeth Elliott – Harp

Elizabeth Elliott, our Harp Teacher, joined Crosfields in 2023 and brings over 15 years of experience. Trained at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Trinity Laban, she teaches on the school's lever harp and leads the growing harp ensemble. Elizabeth supports pupils through ABRSM and Trinity syllabuses and encourages confidence through regular.

Ruth Robinson – Guitar

Ruth has taught guitar at Crosfields since 2016. A graduate of the University of Reading, she holds a BA Ed (Hons) in Primary Music and an ATCL Diploma in Guitar Teaching. Passionate about ensemble playing, Ruth leads Crosfields' guitar groups, encouraging collaboration and musical growth. She also performs regularly as part of a classical guitar duo and enjoys community performances in care homes.

Vicky Wood – Woodwind (Saxophone & Clarinet)

Vicky (MA, BSc, FRSM, ARSM) has been part of the Crosfields Music Department for 15 years, teaching saxophone, clarinet, and leading the school's Jazz Group. She also sings and conducts choirs as Assistant Director of Music at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham. Her lessons combine precision with enthusiasm, inspiring pupils to enjoy the full range of musical styles.

Dan Western – Drums

Dan brings over 25 years of performance experience to his drum teaching at Crosfields. He has toured with major artists including Belinda Carlisle, Jason Donovan, and Paul Young, and recorded at top London studios, including for Simply Red. Dan's lessons blend professional insight with encouragement, tailoring each session to students' individual goals and helping them develop confidence and creativity.

Kristen Biles – Piano

A graduate of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (First Class BA and MSt Musicology), Kristen brings a blend of academic excellence and teaching experience. Holding two DipABRSM diplomas with distinction, she also works as an ABRSM editor and examiner. Kristen combines rigour with empathy, helping pupils master both the technical and expressive elements of piano playing.



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