

# EDUCATION **OUTSIDE** THE **CLASSROOM**

JANUARY – MAY 2021

## MUSIC PROGRAMME

TERMS  
3 & 4





# MUSIC ENSEMBLES

MUSIC ENSEMBLES HAVE TWO SESSIONS IN THE YEAR:  
SEMESTER ONE (TERMS 1-2) AND SEMESTER TWO (TERMS 3-4).

Sign-ups for Music Ensembles is open NOW! (Some may have signed up already)

We are pleased to announce that Semester 2 of Music Ensembles is now open with enrolments closing by **Wednesday 3 February** at 9am. We are calling all budding musicians or instrumentalists to join us in making music!

**You may now login to the [Activities Portal](#) to sign up.** Parents from Years 1 - 4 should do this for their children while learners from Year 5 upwards should make their own choices with parental guidance. Parents will not be able to do this through their own portal login.

Although Covid-19 still restricts singing we are aiming to offer a range of instrumental opportunities for our learners. Some music ensembles are aimed at beginner level, to provide a taster of learning an instrument or being in a group setting whilst making music. Other ensembles such as the school orchestras are aimed at those who already show a passion for music by having individual lessons. These learners may wish to enhance their learning experience and technical skills as part of an orchestra. Do note that throughout all of our ensembles extra care is taken to sanitize instruments and ensure social distancing measures.

In Semester 1 it was lovely to see many of our ensembles participate in our online Carol Concert and we hope that we may even be able to bring some performances live to you by the end of the academic year.

Please read through the descriptions of the Music Ensembles on offer linked here in the booklet, and please do not hesitate to contact any member of the music team if you have questions [music@nexus.edu.sg](mailto:music@nexus.edu.sg).

If you prefer individual music classes please see take a look at our [Instrumental Programme](#)

All learners (except beginners) who are learning an instrument through the Nexus Instrumental Programme are expected to join a music ensemble for the year. Performers will be expected to wear suitable attire for performances, which should include a white or black shirt, black skirt or trousers (Secondary only) and appropriate footwear (this should not include brightly coloured trainers). Learners will be notified of any further specific dress requirements leading up to the performances. Details of our ensembles are given below. For more information contact [music@nexus.edu.sg](mailto:music@nexus.edu.sg).

**Ms Clare Lambert** Subject Leader: Music



## WEDNESDAY

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### **SECONDARY ORCHESTRA** ANDREW FORDHAM, NICOLA HARTE

Year group:

If you learn a musical instrument, you are welcome to join the orchestra. We will do a variety of music from classics to popular songs. Our Secondary Orchestra showcase themselves at all our high profile events at Nexus. This ensemble is a great opportunity to take your instrumental playing to the next level and perform complex pieces alongside others. We arrange music that is differentiated for all ages and abilities so if in doubt whether this is the ensemble for you chat to your music teacher. Instruments include: violin, viola, cello, trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, percussion, marimba or piano.

# THURSDAY

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## KEYS CLUB (INFORMATION ONLY)

CHRISTOPHER JUNG

Year group: 1 - 2  
Time: 12.25 – 13.20

Come and play roll-up keyboard, music theory games on iPad, and finish fun music colouring worksheets. Any level of musicians with a passion for music are welcome! Heads-up, Mr Chris will come collect the participants from their classrooms just before lunch and we will all picnic together. Learners will be stay in their Learning Hub on the 1F. This music ensemble sign up is part of the CCA's due to high demand we are offering this season to those on the waiting list. Spaces will be available from CCA season 3.

## Y3 & 4 UKULELE

NATASSJA DU TOIT

Year group: 3 - 4  
Time: 12.45 – 13.15

This club is for learners with little to no prior knowledge of the ukulele. Learners will have the opportunity to learn basic ukulele chords, play along to a variety of styles of music as well as learn general musicianship i.e rhythm, performance skills and having fun with music. Playing the ukulele will be lots of fun as we learn many popular songs and those who are extra eager will learn to pick melodies and well known riff passages. This group is all about playing together and learning as a team.

## UKULELE/GUITAR GROUP

HIROAKI MAEKAWA, ANDREW FORDHAM

Year group: 7 - 13  
Time: 15.30 – 16.30

Run by our experienced professional in house guitarist Hiro, our guitar and ukulele group in Secondary is extremely popular, sign up before the places go! Playing all different styles and genres of music this group is about learning to collaborate and perform with confidence alongside others. It is advised that those who have experience in playing the guitar, bass guitar or ukulele attend.

## Y1 & 2 UKULELE

DEBORAH UY

Year group: 1 - 2  
Time: 12.25 – 13.20

This club is for learners with no prior knowledge of the ukulele. Learners will be taught simple chords and how to play basic pieces. We are hoping that restrictions will lift soon and they may even be able to sing and accompany themselves! Lots of fun can be had from playing the ukulele and we will be learning some popular songs and nursery rhymes. For this group we ask that learners purchase their own ukulele. Due to high demand this ensemble will be offered on a first come first serve basis and those on the waiting list from semester 1 will have priority.

## Y3-6 BEGINNER RECORDER & FLUTE CLUB

CLARE LAMBERT, FABIAN

Year group: 3 - 6  
Time: 15.30 – 17.00

This music ensemble is for complete beginners or those with no prior knowledge of wind instruments. Those who are interested to learn recorder, flute or even clarinet, you will get to try them all. This new music ensemble is aimed to inspire those interested in learning a woodwind or brass instrument - a try before you buy approach! After this those who have enjoyed the experience will have the opportunity to continue to have individual lessons. In this ensemble your child will learn to read music and play simple songs in a group setting.



# FRIDAY

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## PRIMARY ORCHESTRA

CLARE LAMBERT, JAYNE

Year group: 1 - 6  
Time: 12.25 – 12.55

Primary Orchestra is for learners of any instrument who have been playing for at least 1-2 terms. Violin, viola, cello, trumpet, trombone, recorder, flute, clarinet, guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, drum kit or piano. The ensemble aims to build confidence through performing. (Please note we can only accommodate a maximum of 5 piano players, therefore you must present your Grade 2 certificate to attend)

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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### ROCK BAND SUPPORT

Year group: 5 - 13

There is no need to sign up for Rock band support, however if you play an instrument and wish to be in a band we recommend that you speak with your music teachers. We are offering on hands support during the following lunchtimes. Tuesday - Secondary; Wednesday - Y5 and 6. Learners interested must be having instrumental lessons, wish to work as part of a team and have a passion for popular music. Instruments of choice are; Vocals, piano, bass guitar, guitar, ukulele, drum kit.

### INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Year group: All

As well as a range of music ensembles Nexus music runs an instrumental program for those learners who are interested in honing their musicianship skills and learn to play an instrument. All lessons are 1:1 with professional in-house International music tutors and educators. We have some of the very best musicians and tutors that teach within a range of International school. Whether you are wishing to learn for fun or have more structured lessons through the Trinity or ABRSM examination process our tutors are able support and guide. Instrumental lessons are offered on site during the school day in our brand new music studios based on level 1. With currently over 180 learners at Nexus enrolled to have lessons our Instrumental programme is forever growing and developing, we welcome new learners throughout the year. For further information click here. <https://parentzone.nexus.edu.sg/ccca>

### USE OF OUR MUSIC STUDIOS

Year group: Secondary Only

Our brand new music department features rehearsal rooms, practise rooms, rock band rehearsal rooms, individual piano studios and a recording studio. These rooms are used throughout the day by teachers and instrumental tutors however our Secondary learners are welcome to utilise this space at break/lunchtimes or free lessons during the school day. Rooms are also available to book after school until 4.30pm. If you require further information do not hesitate to contact a member of the music team.

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