



# WEAVERS ACADEMY

## *Creative Education Trust*

The Music Department  
Calendar of Events  
2023-2024





# Welcome

Welcome to the programme of events in the music department for this academic year. We hope that this gives you a taste of the activities that are being organised for this year and that you are able to keep these dates free. We encourage as many students as possible to attend these events, either as performers or as audience. In fact, every student in years 7-9 is invited to perform in the Winter and Summer Concerts!

We are all very proud of the work that our students do and we hope that as many people as possible can come and celebrate their work at these events. I look forward to welcoming students, parents and members of the community to our events this year.

## Staffing

### Music Department Staff

Miss M Reading - Assistant Principal and Head of Music

Mrs D Noakes - Assistant Principal, Teacher of Music

Mrs L Sargent - Teacher of Music

### Peripatetic Instrumental and Vocal Teachers

Miss J Adams - Vocals

Mrs C Anderson - Piano

Ms L Astill - Strings

Mr M Butler - Percussion

Mr J Calcott - Guitar

Mr A Kirkwood - Woodwind

# Ensemble Rehearsal Timetable

Below is our timetable of rehearsals that run each week, working towards the performances that are included in this programme. In addition, students are encouraged to run their own ensembles within the department. Attendance at these weekly rehearsals and associated performances result in credits as per the academy's reward system, but also further discounts on instrumental and vocal tuition (see back page for more details). The timetable below shows when rehearsals take place.

	Lunch Time	2.45-3.45pm	3.45-4.45pm
Monday	Ukulele Ensemble	Electives Programme: Ukulele Ensemble DJ Club	
Tuesday	Choir	Show Cast Rehearsals String Ensemble	Show Cast Rehearsals
Wednesday	Percussion Ensemble	Chamber Choir Show Cast Rehearsals	Show Cast Rehearsals
Thursday	Folk Band		
Friday	Guitar Ensemble	Swing Band	

# Autumn Term 2023

## Year 6 Open Evenings Monday 25th September Weavers Academy

This is our opportunity to show the year 6 students of Wellingborough and its surrounding areas, all the wonderful things that we do as a department. Our music students will be showcasing their skills through performances and rehearsals as well as running workshops in the department.

## Sixth Form Open Evening Monday 16th October Weavers Academy

This is our opportunity to show what we can offer to students after they have finished their GCSEs. We hope to see all of our year 11 students attending as guests as well as students from the local area. We look forward to sharing what our current sixth form students think of what we offer and show you how we will design a course around you.







## Trip - CET Cross Trust Choir Rehearsals November 2022 London

5 singing ambassadors will spend the day with students from other CET secondary schools in order to create a cross trust choir. This is one of 4 dates for this project

## Winter Concert Tuesday 12th December 2023, 6pm Weavers Academy Hall, £2 per ticket

All of the ensembles in the music department will perform as part of an end of term celebration. The ensembles rehearse weekly and this performance is an opportunity to demonstrate progress. Proceeds from this concert go towards music department resources and the subsidy of instrumental lessons.

## Carol Singing Tour Wednesday 13th December 2023 Wellingborough Residential Homes

A small group of musicians will accompany some singers to entertain residents in local homes by singing Christmas carols. We will be scheduling in as many different visits as possible throughout the day and hope that we can spread the skills of our music department into the local community.



# Spring Term 2024

## Trip - CET Cross Trust Orchestra and Choir Rehearsals Thursday 18th January 2024

All orchestral instrumentalists plus 5 singing ambassadors will spend the day with students from other CET secondary schools in order to create a cross trust orchestra and choir. This is one of 4 dates for this project

## KS5 Recital Evening Tuesday 27th February 2024, 6pm Weavers Academy Hall, £2 per ticket

An opportunity to showcase the solo skills of our sixth form music students. This performance is an opportunity to demonstrate the musical progress of our students as well as forming part of the coursework for sixth form courses. The proceeds from this concert go towards the subsidy of instrumental lessons.



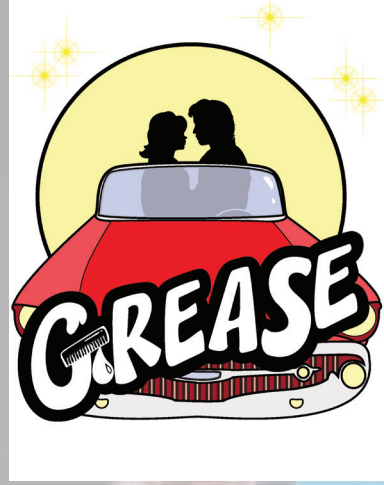


## Grease, the Musical

Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and

Friday 15th March 2024, 7pm

Weavers Academy Hall, £5/£3 per ticket



We are please to invite you to join us for our creative arts department musical. In 1959, Rydell High School's students are starting a new year. ("Alma Mater Parody"). Sandy Dumbrowski, the new girl at school and Danny Zuko, the leader of the 'T-Birds', had a brief romantic fling over the summer. Sandy recounts her version of the fling to the 'Pink Ladies' (Jan, Marty, Frenchy, and Rizzo), while Danny tells the Boys (Roger, Doody, Sonny, and Kenickie) his rendition ("Summer Nights"). Sandy and Danny soon bump into each other at school, and while Sandy is happy to see him, he plays it cool. Meanwhile, the kids gather in the hall as Doody shows off his new guitar. The rock star wannabe gives an impromptu concert in the hall ("Those Magic Changes"). At Marty's pajama party, the girls give each other pierced ears, and talk about boys. Marty tells about her long-distance courtship with Freddy ("Freddy, My Love"). Meanwhile, the Burger Palace Boys are busy stealing hubcaps and teasing Kenickie about his new (used) car ("Greased Lightning"). Danny sees Sandy again and tries to apologize for his behavior. Head cheerleader Patty Simcox interrupts to prompt Sandy to join the squad and to tease Danny about his latest indiscretions ("Rydell Fight Song"). The kids take their newfangled portable radios for a rock and roll picnic in the park and plan how they will pair off at the upcoming school prom, while Roger shares his love for Jan and his favorite hobby ("Mooning"). Rizzo teases Danny for falling for a girl who resembles the excessively proper teenage ingénue, Sandra Dee ("Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee"). Sandy realizes that Danny is putting her off to be cool and wishes she had never met him. Then Danny suggests that Marty go out with Eugene, and she chases after him. Act I ends with a spirited pledge of friendship ("We Go Together"). At the High School Hop, everyone is dancing, except Sandy ("Shakin' at the High School Hop"). She is home feeling sorry for herself ("It's Raining on Prom Night"). Meanwhile, favorite radio DJ Vince Fontaine, is warming the kids up for the hand-jive dance contest. Kenickie dumps his blind date, Cha-Cha DiGregorio, and pairs up with Rizzo. Danny and Cha-Cha then proceed to win the dance contest ("Born to Hand Jive"). A few days later at the Burger Palace after school, a couple of the guys run into Frenchy, who flunked out of Rydell and has now dropped out of beauty school ("Beauty School Dropout"). Danny, who has taken up track in order to win back Sandy's affections, does not know that Cha-Cha's boyfriend's gang has challenged the guys to a rumble. He is more concerned about patching things up with Sandy at the Twi-Light Drive-In, but he moves too fast for her, and she leaves ("All Alone at a Drive-In Movie"). A couple of days later, the "greasers" are having a party in Jan's basement, as Doody and Roger sing "Rock 'n' Roll Party Queen." Sandy wonders what she needs to do to fit in at Rydell ("Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee Reprise"). The next time Sandy meets up with the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies, she has transformed herself into a greaser's dream date ("All Choked Up"). Rizzo and Kenickie reunite. All ends happily ("We Go Together-Reprise").



Wellingborough NMPAT Centre  
Saturday Mornings @ Sir Christopher Hatton Academy

We are lucky enough to have a local music centre run by NMPAT in Wellingborough. They provide a series of classes aimed at students who want to develop their musical skills. More information on their website: <https://www.nmpat.co.uk/ensembles-and-music-groups/saturday-music-and-arts-centres/wellingborough-arts-centre/>

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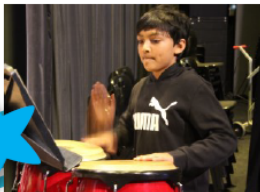
**Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust**  
**Wellingborough** Saturday mornings  
from 9.15-12.15

We look forward to seeing you at  
**Wellingborough Centre** for a morning of fun!



Come and try our instrumental groups of all standards, art and drama.  
If you don't play an instrument yet, we can even help with that too...

Sign up here:



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## Trip - CET Cross Trust Orchestra and Choir Rehearsals Tuesday 19th March 2024

All orchestral instrumentalists plus 4 singing ambassadors will spend the day with students from other CET secondary schools in order to create a cross trust orchestra and choir. This is one of 4 dates for this project

## Competition - Wellingborough Rotary Club Music Festival TBC March 2024 Various venues in Wellingborough

Soloists and ensembles from Weavers Academy will be entered into this festival, allowing them to showcase their talents and receive feedback from specialist adjudicators. There are prizes and certificates available, and this is a valuable opportunity to learn from other musicians. Specific classes, and categories, perform on different days during this festival, and the schedule will be available nearer the time <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/>

## Trip - CET Cross Trust Orchestra and Choir Performance Tuesday 23rd April 2024

All orchestral instrumentalists plus 4 singing ambassadors will spend the day with students from other CET secondary schools in order to create a cross trust orchestra and choir. This is one of 4 dates for this project and includes the final performance.



# Summer Term 2024

## KS4 Recital Evening

Tuesday 16th April 2024, 6pm

Weavers Academy Hall, £2 per ticket

An opportunity to showcase the solo skills of our year 10 and 11 music students. This performance is an opportunity to demonstrate the musical progress of our students as well as forming part of the coursework. The proceeds from this concert go towards the subsidy of instrumental lessons.

## Audition Time!

It is around this point in the year that audition opportunities arise for some great activities outside of school. We would love for as many of our students as possible to get involved in music making in the local community and would like to support any student in preparing for auditions:

### NMPAT Country Group Audition Window

<https://www.nmpat.co.uk/out-of-school-activities/county-music-groups/Pages/auditions-information.aspx>

The county music groups rehearse weekly at the NMPAT centre in Northampton.

Applications for auditions are made online using the link above, which also includes all of the information about these groups.

### Wellingborough Pantomime Society

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wellingboroughpantomimesociety/>

This local society performs a pantomime at The Castle Theatre in January each year and it is at this stage that the auditions to be in the cast take place. The audition material and information can be got by messaging the group via the above Facebook link.

Alternatively, the Weavers music department will have the material once it is released.

## KS3 Recital Evening

Tuesday 11th June 2024, 6pm

Weavers Academy Hall, £2 per ticket

An opportunity to showcase the solo skills of our year 7, 8 and 9 music students. This performance is an opportunity to demonstrate the musical progress of our students. This is the perfect opportunity for KS3 to perform in a supportive environment and prepares them for future exams, coursework and performances. The proceeds from this concert go towards the subsidy of instrumental lessons.





## World Music Day Primary Project

Wednesday 19th June 2024, 6pm

The Castle Theatre

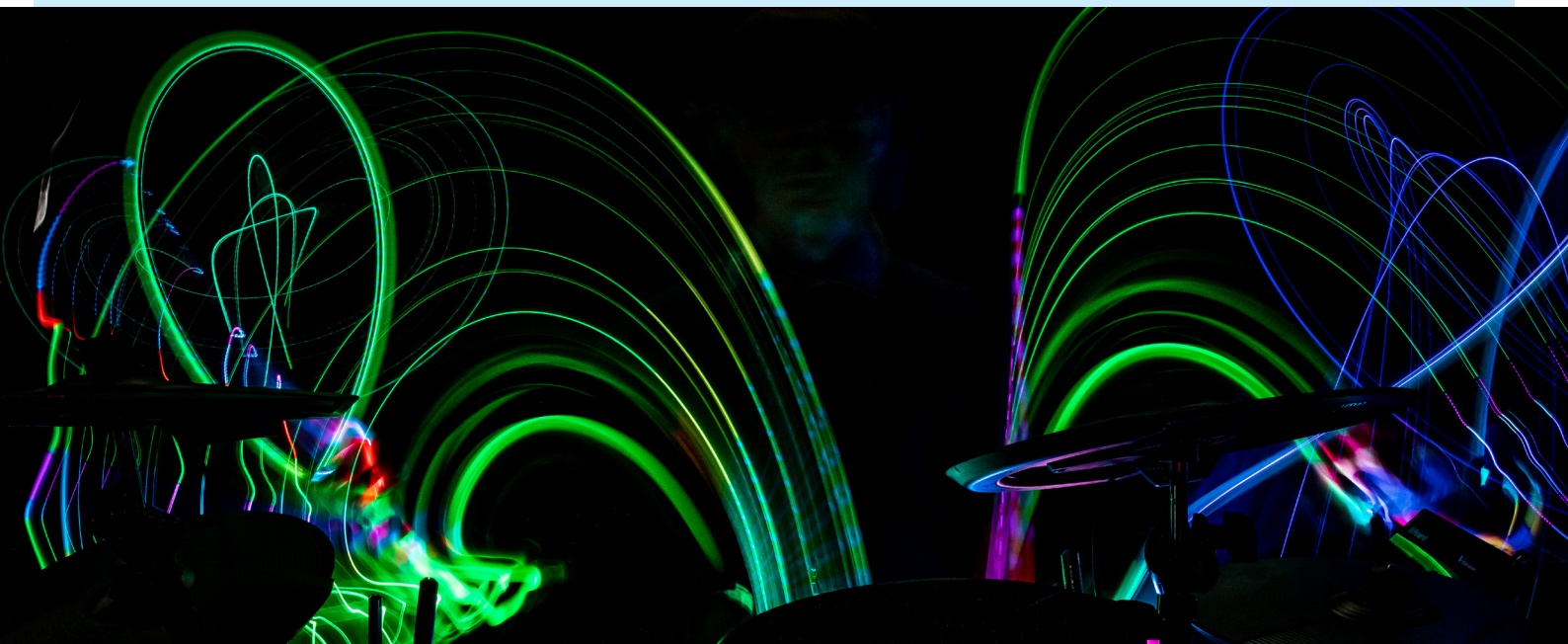
This will be the second time that we have undertaken this primary school project. We have written 'The Tales of Hercules' to tell the stories of the Greek hero through acting and song. Primary school students will join us on stage to sing all of the songs and our students will support with the delivery of workshops.

## Summer Concert

Tuesday 2nd July 2024, 6pm

Weavers Academy Hall, £2 per ticket

All of the ensembles in the music department will perform as part of an end of term celebration. The ensembles rehearse weekly and this performance is an opportunity to demonstrate progress. Proceeds from this concert go towards music department resources and the subsidy of instrumental lessons.



# Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

At Weavers Academy, we want every student to have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, and we want to encourage as many students as possible to take up this offer. It makes no difference if students have previously had lessons or not, or if they want to start something new.

We highly recommend that students who are considering choosing to continue to study music at year 10 and 11 have instrumental or vocal lessons, starting as soon as possible in order to access the highest of grades.

We know that costs are incredibly expensive and so we heavily subsidise for all students. Information about instrumental and vocal lessons is available the music department or from the music page on the academy website. However, in brief, the costs are:

- Termly cost of lessons if unsubsidised - £169
- Termly subsidised costs to Weavers Students - £85
- Termly subsidised cost to Weavers Students in years 10-13 studying music - £60
- Termly subsidised costs to Weavers Pupil Premium Students - £35

In addition to these subsidies, there are further discounts available to be earned each term by joining music department ensembles that run as part of the music enrichment programme (see page 3 for details of our enrichment activities)

