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# HANDBOOK

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## *Music Programme*



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# Introduction

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At Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong we strive to ensure our students explore and develop their musical talents, either for enjoyment or in pursuit of musical excellence.

The College offers an extensive Ensemble Programme from DUCKS to Year 13, where all students have the opportunity to participate in choirs and ensembles across many genres.

Our Instrumental Tuition Programme provides expert one to one practical tuition on a wide variety of instruments

and we also offer classes in music theory and music technology.

Throughout the year there are many opportunities for students to participate in various festivals throughout Asia as part of the Dulwich College International network.

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Director of Music



# Overview of the Instrumental Tuition Programme

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Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong has a rich history of excellence in music education. We offer individual instrumental tuition from those found in a standard orchestra to traditional Chinese instruments. We are fortunate to have some of Shanghai's finest practitioners on staff. Our teachers are performers in their own right and know what is required to achieve excellence in music.

The upcoming academic year promises to be another exciting chapter in the development of music at Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong. There are a number of initiatives to be implemented this year to support our goals of creating the highest quality music curriculum and instrumental tuition that utilises cutting edge teaching practices, technology and resources and provides students with the highest quality performance and formal qualification opportunities.

This year, Instrumental Tuition Programme students will have the option of one to one lessons on a rotating basis Monday to Friday (8.00am – 5.30pm) or on Saturdays as part of the Dulwich Weekend Music School. The weekend school is exclusive to Dulwich students. The duration of a standard lesson is 30 minutes and we advise that more advanced students take a weekly 1-hour lesson.

Dulwich students participating in the weekly programme will be scheduled into a rotating roster to avoid missing too much of any one subject. We strongly advise that students missing classes should buddy up with another music student to help with catching up on any work missed. Lessons for students in years 10 - 13 are scheduled outside academic class time.

## Syllabus and Reporting

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To guide the instrumental lesson, students will work from either the ABRSM syllabus or the Dulwich Pudong Instrumental Music Syllabus. Each term the instrumental teacher will provide parents with a detailed written report outlining their child's progress throughout the term and provide suggestions for improvements and how to make the most out of their musical experiences at the College.

# Ensembles and Performance Schedule MusicPLUS

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It takes a lot of hard work and discipline to learn an instrument. Many hours are spent practising new repertoire preparing for an upcoming examination or performance. Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong offers an extensive variety of ensembles for students to join. These ensembles will provide them with many benefits. One of the greatest pleasures that music offers is the opportunity to form long lasting relationships with like-minded people. Performing with an ensemble is an opportunity to put all of that hard work into practice, display new skills and develop confidence.

This year Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong will offer the following ensembles:

**Dulwich College Shanghai Orchestra** (DCSO)

**Allegro Strings** (Advanced String Ensemble)

**Zheng He Orchestra** (Intermediate Orchestra)

**Concert Band** (Intermediate Wind Band)

**DCS Big Band** (Advanced Jazz Ensemble)

**Rock Bands**

**World Percussion Ensemble**

**Senior Choir** (Non auditioned)

**Mei Lan Fang Choir** (Auditioned Junior School Choir)

**Lao Zi Choir** (Non Auditioned Junior School Choir)

**Mulan Choir** (Year 2 DUCKS Choir)

**Mushu Choir** (Year 1 DUCKS Choir)

**Chamber Choir** (Advanced Auditioned Senior School Choir)

These ensembles are only available to Dulwich Pudong students.





There will be a major concert each term to showcase the wonderful work the students have been doing. Performance opportunities are also available for Instrumental Tuition Programme (ITP) students at various ITP Soirées. Students sitting ABRSM examinations will perform at the ABRSM Concert prior to sitting their examination. Many students will also have the opportunity to participate in our annual Founder's Day Gala Concert in **June 2018**.

**November 2017** will see the Dulwich Festival of Music return to Dulwich College Singapore. This will be a showcase of student talent from the Dulwich Colleges throughout the region. Students from Years 7 - 13 will participate in intensive workshops guided by experienced practitioners to prepare for a Gala concert. We are delighted to have the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) Session Orchestra and staff join us for this years festival. This years festival will be based on Film Music.

In **February 2018**, Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong will participate in the International Schools Choral Music Society (ISCMS) Festival hosted by Dulwich College Suzhou. This year marks the 11th anniversary of the ISCMS Festival. Many of our students benefited greatly from being involved in this year's extraordinary show involving some 400 choristers and orchestral musicians. We will touring with Senior School students from our choirs, orchestra and big band. For more information, visit <http://www.iscms.net>. As part of the Dulwich College Music Network the Junior School students will have the opportunity to participate in the Dulwich Music, Art, Dance and Drama (MADD) being hosted at, Dulwich College Beijing in **April 2018**.

During **June and July** a group of Dulwich students jet off to Europe for the annual Vienna Tour. This year's tour was a huge success again. Dulwich College is the only school that offers such a unique opportunity. Our students participated in workshops at the Vienna Boys Choir under the direction of Gerald Wirth, Artistic Director. The tour was highlighted by performances with the Vienna Boys Choir at Palais Augarten and St Stephan's Cathedral. Students who participate in any choir during the year will have the opportunity to take part in 2018. More information will follow in October.

# ABRSM Examinations

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Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong is an examination centre for ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) examinations. Each student's instrumental teacher will advise on suitability for taking an examination. For more information on ABRSM examinations visit <http://www.abrsm.org/en/regions/south-east-asia/china>.

## Giving Back to the Community

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As part of our Service Programme, for the past 6 years a benefactor and The Friends of Dulwich (FoD) have generously donated funds to set up a music programme for disadvantaged students. We are partnered with Tang Si Migrant School and Home Sweet Home to give music tuition to students from both organisations. We are hoping to build on this programme this year and are looking for volunteers to help during the regular rehearsal times - Wednesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm and 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Volunteers who read music are encouraged and especially those who speak fluent Mandarin.

The Dulwich Community Singers are an adult choir comprised of parents, teacher and friends. The group rehearsed each Monday 7.00pm - 8.30pm. The emphasis of this ensemble is fun and participation. The Dulwich Community Singers perform at numerous College and community events throughout the year. No audition is necessary and all are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you very soon and hope you and your children get involved in some music making here at Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong. Please visit Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong online for information and upcoming performances ([shanghai-pudong.dulwich.org](http://shanghai-pudong.dulwich.org)) and follow the links to Music or visit the Music Office.





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