



# Bloxham School

## Music

Hello Everyone

We are now halfway through the academic year! I thought this would be a great time to update you on how things are developing in the popular music department.

Our first 'Unplugged' concert was very successful, with everyone performing to a high standard. Congratulations to all performers.

Another highlight of last term was Jamie Walker's charity CD recording, which showed great enterprise. Well done Jamie!



Josh Herring and Tim Mobbs have given many memorable performances during the school year and are always very enthusiastic and willing to help out. Two more highlights of the term were the Scholars performance – they played to an exceptionally high standard – and the evening with Josh and Tim, when they performed to their fellow Sixth Formers.

The rock concert at the end of term went well, with strong performances from many of the students. Richard and I are always looking for ways to develop this further, perhaps staging the event in the Great Hall or performing at a venue outside of School, to show other people the fantastic talent we have at Bloxham School.

At the start of the term I introduced a music technology workshop, where the GCSE students came along to record their compositions. The Friday lunch time club has proved very popular and is open to anyone who is interested in composition and music technology.



Jon Seagroatt has also set up a 'Swing Band' for musicians who would like to perform with others. This is an informal group where you can enjoy playing with other musicians and develop your improvisation skills, as well as your chord and ensemble techniques. I look forward to hearing the group perform soon.

Unfortunately due to the snow a few weeks ago, our unplugged concert was postponed. We hope to arrange it on a date soon after half-term.

Other events for next term include a Music for evening where anyone with an interest in composition in any style / genre the opportunity to compose music to a video clip. These will be played performed to the projected image at an evening with a top TV industry give you advice and talk about the media industry. I will also give a brief chat about the many different avenues that a composer can pursue.



Media will have back or professional, who will

Summer term open air concerts are always very popular; if you would like to take part or have any new ideas for the event, come and see me.

I would like to thank all the students and staff in the music school for their help, whilst feeling my way as head of popular music.

My main aim is to make music inclusive to everyone who is interested. If you would like to start to learn an instrument – such as guitar, bass guitar or drums – or to learn how to use the music technology equipment, please don't hesitate to come in for a chat. Also if you have any ideas for concerts or other events, again let me know.

I would love to see more and more people of every level learn to play. If you have any interest in popular music in any form, pop in and have a talk.