



# SAMS

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# Why not get MUSICAL for Spring 2020?

Dear All,

St Albans Music School has lots of exciting events and activities this term—we hope you can join in as many as possible!

- **Aural Classes**—We will be holding aural classes on Saturdays, 10—10:30am at SAMS. These will run in half-term blocks:  
*Spring Term A: Grades 1 to 4*      *Spring Term B: Grades 5+*  
The group costs £26 for a half term block to attend and is well worth it in terms of preparation for instrumental exams. Developing aural skills is also useful for the musical sections of school entrance exams.
- **SAMS Performance Platform**—every half term, we will be holding an informal individuals' concert, to give young performers opportunities to play in front of an audience. This term, the performances will be on **Wed 12th February** (Beginners to Grade 2) and **Thu 26th March** (all). All are welcome to take part—pupils and parents should initially speak to their HMS instrumental teacher for more details.
- **SAMS Junior Rock School**— we are currently improving our facilities to include a range of recording and mixing facilities. As well as playing pop/rock music and song writing, pupils will be able to record and mix their own music, using a wall of analogue synths. All pianists, drummers, guitarists and singers are welcome to come and find out more.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Our phone line is open between 3:30 and 7pm on weekdays and between 9am and 12pm on Saturdays. Alternatively, you can get in touch us via email. We look forward to hearing from you.

Rachel Curson  
Head of St Albans Music School



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## SAMS Ensembles

### January Trials

We run vast array of ensembles here at SAMS, catering for all levels of ability, musical styles and instruments. We offer progression routes for young people to develop their orchestral and group skills. We particularly welcome new players in the Spring term— to sign up for a trial, parents can register via Eventbrite or contact us by telephone.

### Wind Groups

#### Junior Wind Band (all wind)

**Wed 16:30-17:30**

[sams-junior-wind-band.eventbrite.co.uk](https://sams-junior-wind-band.eventbrite.co.uk)

#### Flutarama (all flutes)

**Wed 16:30-17:15**

[sams-flutarama.eventbrite.co.uk](https://sams-flutarama.eventbrite.co.uk)

#### Big Band 2 (all wind)

**Thu 18:30-19:30**

[sams-big-band-2.eventbrite.co.uk](https://sams-big-band-2.eventbrite.co.uk)

### String Groups

#### Junior Strings (beginner-G3)

**Tues 16:45-17:45**

[sams-junior-strings.eventbrite.co.uk](https://sams-junior-strings.eventbrite.co.uk)

#### Intermediate Strings (G3-6)

**Tues 16:45-17:45**

[sams-intermediate-strings.eventbrite.co.uk](https://sams-intermediate-strings.eventbrite.co.uk)

**\* Pre Beginner Strings & Guitar  
Groups Coming Soon! \***

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## Why not come along to a LIVE performance?

Hearing music performed live is a completely different experience to hearing it through headphones or speakers. Why?

- **You get to see the real thing!** Performing a piece of music takes energy, time and commitment. When musicians give their all, it's inspiring to watch.
- **You become immersed in the sound.** No matter how good your speakers are, there is simply nothing like hearing music performed live in front of you. It surrounds you—you get caught up in it and you feel the music in a totally different way.
- **A sharing experience.** Going to watch a live performance with friends and family is a great way to bond. You'll always remember the time you took your best friend to see their favourite band, or your family went together to watch a musical. Being surrounded by others in the audience, enjoying the same music as you, is also a powerful experience.

### Our Concert Programme for Spring 2020

When	Who	What	Where
Saturday 25th January	Philomusica	Senior Philharmonic Orchestra	Watford School of Music
Tuesday 24th March	SAMS Beginner, Junior and Intermediate Strings	String groups from complete beginner up to Grade 6 standard	St Albans Music School
Wednesday 25th March	SAMS Junior Wind, Big Band 2 and Flutarama	Wind groups—traditional, contemporary and jazz	St Albans Music School
Thursday 26th March	Jazz Concert	SAMS Big Bands plus a range of school and com-	St Albans Music School

### Group Trials (cont)

#### Music Theatre

**Children's (KS2) Sat 14:15-16:00**

sams-childrens-music-theatre.eventbrite.co.uk

#### Rock School

**All guitarists, drummers, keyboard/pianists and singers**

**Juniors (7-11) Sat 9:00-11:00**

sams-rock-school-juniors.eventbrite.co.uk

### Improve your musical understanding!

#### Aural Classes

**Sat 10:00-10:30**

**Grades 1-4: 11 Jan-8 Feb**

sams-aural-starters.eventbrite.co.uk

**Grades 5-8: 29 Feb-28 Mar**

sams-aural-advanced.eventbrite.co.uk

#### Music Theory Classes

sams-music-theory.eventbrite.co.uk

# One-off Music Days at SAMS

SAMS runs one-off music days, in school time and at weekends, inviting children from across St Albans to make music together. Next up is **Beginner Strings Day on Thursday 12th March**—beginner strings players up to Grade 1 are all welcome to come and make music together. Look out for letters coming via school nearer time for more information!