



## Elizabeth College Music Department

### Frequently asked questions

1. *My son didn't get selected for Music Service. Will that hold him back?*

No. All pupils develop musical skills at different rates and ages. Music Service assessments were a good measure when they were done, but a lot has changed since then!

2. *Does it matter that we don't have a piano at home.*

Not in the first instance. If your son is taking keyboard lessons it will become necessary for him to find a means of practicing. This could be done at College, however in due course it may be wise to invest in a piano or a keyboard with weighted keys. The music staff can help advise on this.

3. *Will he suffer because we aren't musical?*

No! Your son's experience in any subject is likely to be very different from your own. Your positive attitude to the subject will help him to find confidence in it.

4. *Do boys use the computers in Music?*

Yes. Once we have firmly established some practical skills, boys are able to use software to create, publish, present, share and explore musical ideas.

5. *Can he wait and join in with groups once he is settled into College?*

We strongly encourage boys who are joining College groups to do so as soon as they arrive in Y7. That way they quickly become used to the routine of lunchtime rehearsals, make friends with boys with similar interests and can take part in our earliest concerts. Joining later can be more confronting, as others in the group will confidently know their parts.

6. *Can boys learn an instrument?*

Yes! At College these opportunities exist for all pupils.