

MAKING  
SPACE  
FOR  
MUSIC 2016



‘Music is God’s gift to man, the only art of Heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to Heaven.’

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR

Since the beginning of enlightened learning, the study & understanding of music has been an important component of the whole.

Creativity, at the heart of music making, can help raise attainment and motivate young people. Music education has long been recognised as beneficial to personal, social, spiritual and academic development, and Farleigh pupils are encouraged to use the music facilities, not only as part of their school timetable, but also in their free time.

‘Our three boys flourished under Marcus Reeves’ inspired leadership of a talented & committed team. When our youngest left we felt strongly about giving a legacy to the school music department.’

FARLEIGH PARENT DONORS



## MUSIC STRIKES A CHORD AT FARLEIGH

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We believe that childhood is enriched by experiencing music-making and appreciation, both in the classroom & through extra-curricular experiences.

At Farleigh, the whole school sings together in assemblies each week and hymns are practised as a whole school on a weekly basis, whilst every child is encouraged to learn an instrument. In Year 2, all are able to learn the violin free of charge. Pupils have access to a full music curriculum through individual instrumental or vocal tuition and by participating in various ensembles and performances. High standards are always expected, but even the pupil whose achievements are more measured is celebrated for effort.

## IN TUNE WITH OUR ETHOS

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Pupils can fulfil their potential through the inspiration & enjoyment of music, whilst the opportunities afforded to children through music at Farleigh reflect our school ethos.

Not only does music allow for the development of myriad skills, it consistently develops pupils' spiritual, moral, social & cultural development.

Through music, we aim to:

- **Inspire** pupils to enjoy, understand & appraise music;
- **Develop** sensitivity, an awareness of expressive possibilities, listening skills & critical awareness, a creative imagination, and technical skills;
- **Cultivate** pupils' musical potential, and to enhance the impact of music on their lives;
- **Encourage** lifelong learning and fulfilment, creativity, social skills, and awareness across the community, through rewarding & enjoyable musical experiences;
- **Promote** knowledge, skill, confidence & familiarity;
- **Enhance** the musical experiences of all children through relevant I.T. skills;
- **Nurture** the sense of awe and wonder which can be revealed through music.

'I have loved learning music at Farleigh. I got to play at the Jazz Festival in Edinburgh with The Thundering Herd.

The music department helped me prepare for my next school & I was awarded a Music Exhibition!'

CURRENT PUPIL



## A TALENTED AND COMMITTED TEAM

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Our team of peripatetic music staff bring a vast amount of experience, expertise & enthusiasm to their roles at Farleigh. Here are a few things you may not know about our music teachers:

Farleigh music staff trained at both regionally and nationally-acclaimed institutions, including the Birmingham Conservatoire and the Royal College of Music. Our staff have worked with the likes of Vladimir Ashkenazy, Alfie Boe, Bernard Haitink, Lesley Garrett, Katherine Jenkins, Mike Oldfield and Bryn Terfel.

They bring to the the music department a wealth of experience which includes leading the orchestra on HMY Britannia, playing with the Band of the 10th Royal Hussars and playing with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Our staff also teach at institutions as varied as The Academy of Contemporary Music, Royal Holloway University and Eton College.

Some of our teachers have...

PERFORMED  
IN THE  
**WEST  
END**

BEEN VOTED  
**BEST  
MUSIC  
TEACHER**  
BY CLASSIC FM

SKILLS IN REPAIRING  
INSTRUMENTS

WON A  
**DRUMMIE  
AWARD**

COMPOSED  
FOR THE  
NATIONAL  
SYLLABUS

You might catch  
them performing with...

**PRINCE HAI'S  
PLAYERS**

THE  
**BRITISH  
IMPERIAL  
MILITARY  
BAND**

FINGLE  
STRING  
QUARTET

THE  
**LOCRIAN  
ENSEMBLE**

**EASTONES**

‘There is geometry  
in the humming  
of strings;  
there is music in  
the spinning of the  
spheres.’

PYTHAGORAS



‘Music makes people  
come together.’

POPE BENEDICT XVI

## A NEW MUSIC SCHOOL: A SOUND INVESTMENT

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The new Music School  
will provide much-needed  
additional facilities, as well as  
freeing up space for additional  
teaching facilities.

Its internal recital space (seating 120), Rock Room, new music technology studio and teaching spaces will offer an exceptional improvement in music facilities at Farleigh and will be used by every single Farleigh pupil.

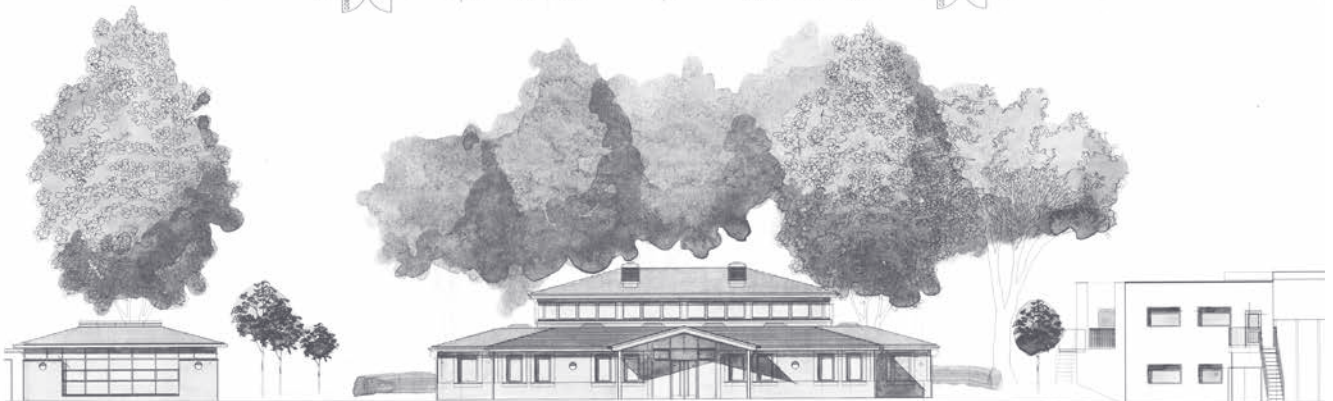
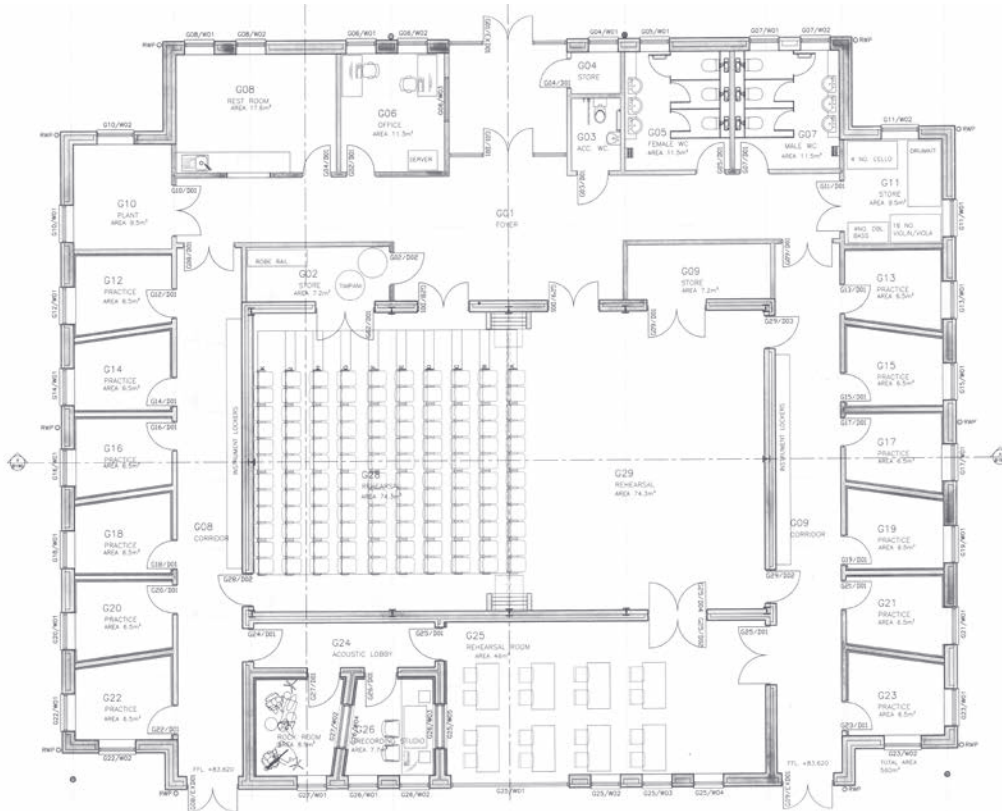
It is anticipated that the new Music School building will be completed in autumn 2016.

15 senior schools have offered Farleigh pupils  
a music scholarship in the past ten years;  
238 pupils learn at least one instrument  
& require teaching and practice space;  
386 music lessons are taught per  
week: over 100 more than were  
taught ten years ago.

Space is at a premium!

The existing music department is equipped with eight teaching/practice rooms, storage facilities (including instrument lockers) and office space, but the teaching rooms and very small assembly space are no longer fit for purpose.

# THE NEW MUSIC SCHOOL





## THE FINAL PIECE IN THE PERFORMANCE

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Our pupils' development continues to be a top priority. Supportive facilities in which children can learn, explore and grow are key, alongside opportunities to begin a life-long process of service, discovery and growth, nourished by the Catholic ethos which is central to all that we do.

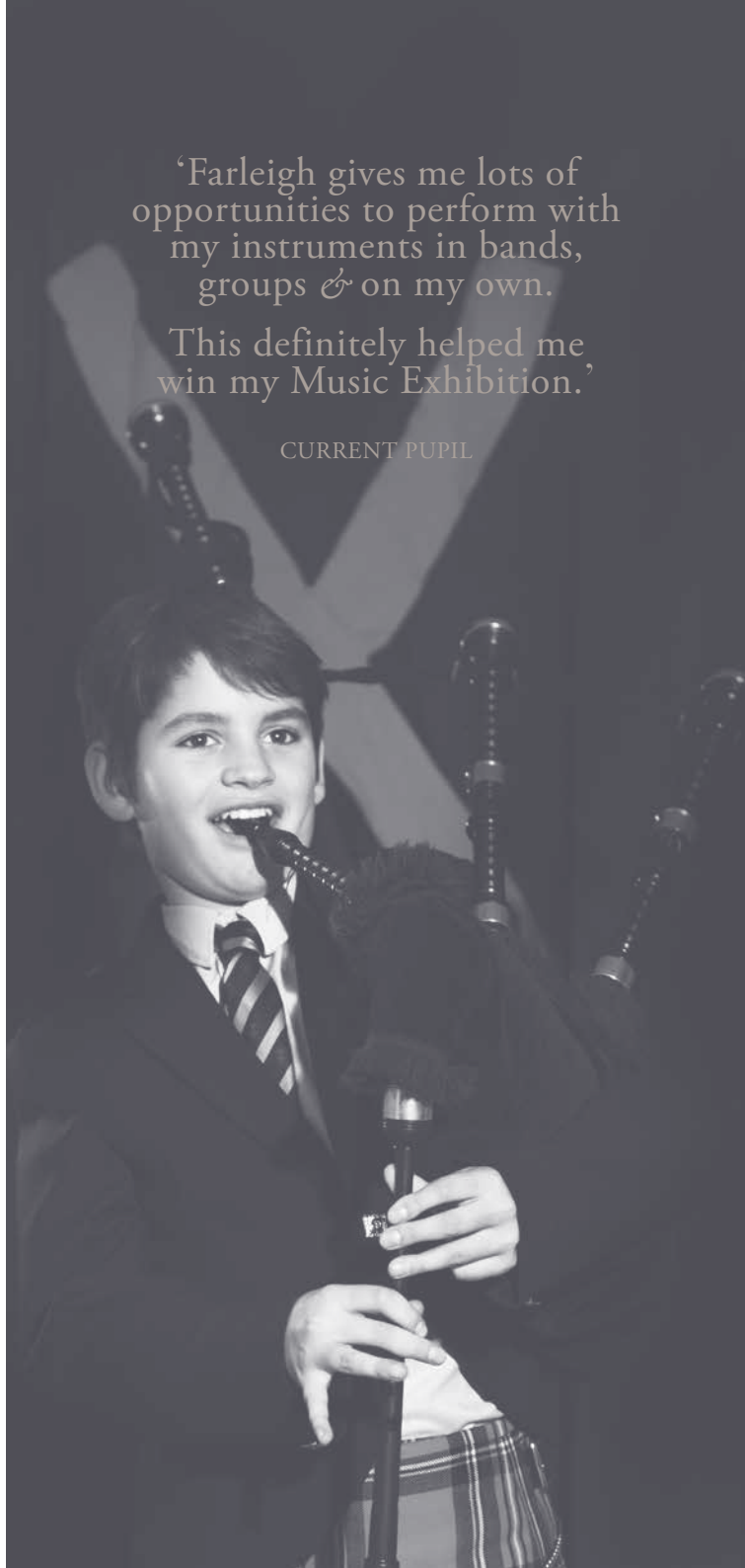
The school has allocated significant funds to building the Music School from surplus income. However, we also need your help: Farleigh has no endowment and fees alone cannot continue to meet the cost of every aspect of school life.

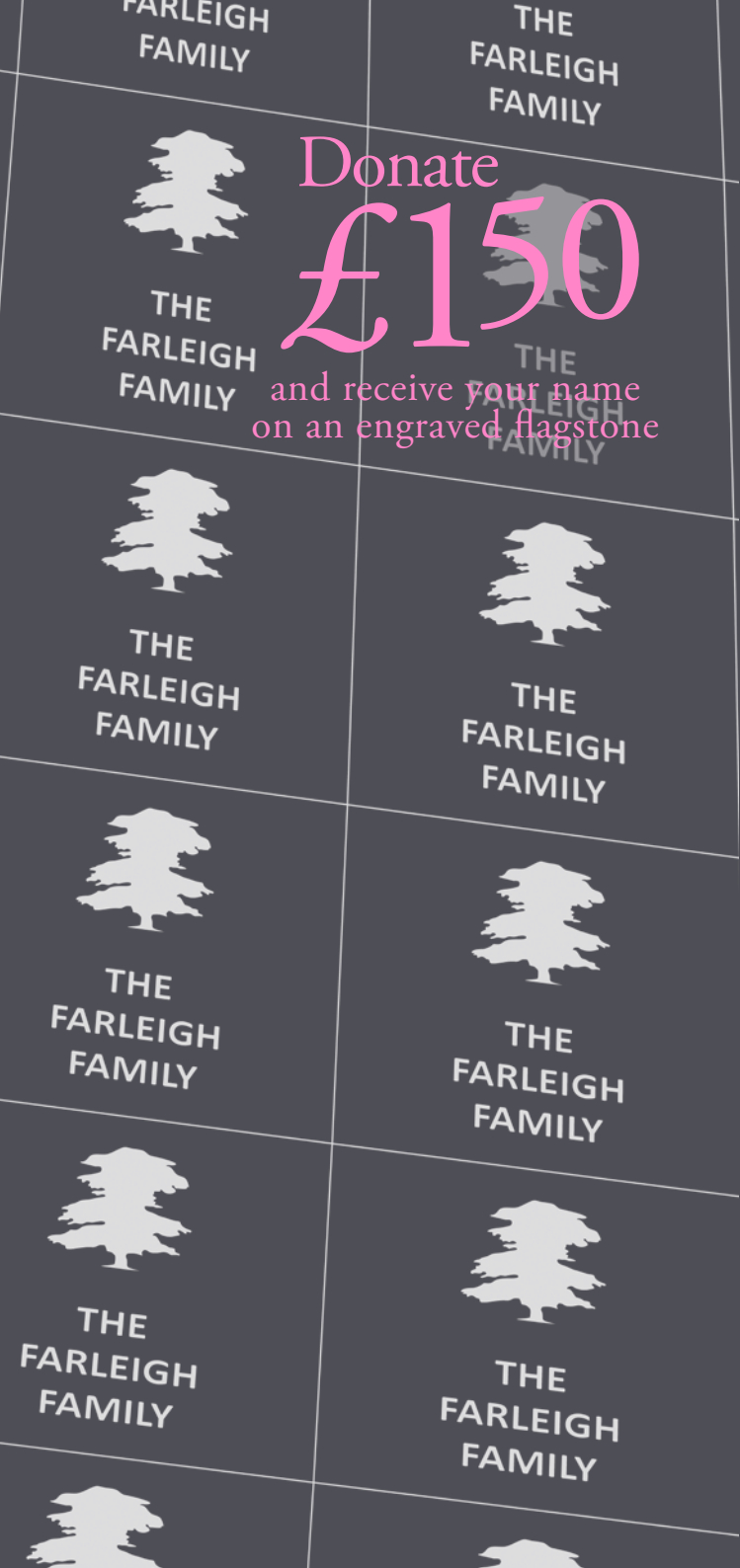
In order to bring the new Music School to life, we need to kit out the Rock Room, install new sound and lighting equipment in the recital/performance space, equip each of the 12 practice rooms with a piano and upgrade numerous tired instruments and instrument lockers – amongst other things.

'Farleigh gives me lots of opportunities to perform with my instruments in bands, groups & on my own.

This definitely helped me win my Music Exhibition.'

CURRENT PUPIL





Donate  
**£150**

and receive your name  
on an engraved flagstone

## PLAY YOUR PART

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You are invited to purchase an engraved flagstone commemorating your own or your family's time at Farleigh. Stones are now available to be named for pupils currently attending Farleigh or those who have left, as well as for staff & families.

We have space for 350 new benefactors to support the Music School by buying a flagstone; these are £150 each and will be set in front of the Music School. **This is a lasting gift that will quite literally become part of the fabric of Farleigh for many years to come.**

By purchasing an engraved stone, your generosity is permanently recognised and all proceeds go towards equipping the new Music School.

We have already started to realise our vision for Farleigh, with the all-weather pitch, Chapel extension & numerous other projects already completed. However, in order to continue to enrich the experience of our pupils, we need the support of our whole community.

With your help, we can secure Farleigh in its mission and ensure that it remains a beacon for Catholic education for generations to come. Gifts of any size are very welcome; we hope to inspire as much giving as possible and include donors at all levels, making this truly a Farleigh community project supported by all our friends, past and present.

There are also opportunities for larger gifts to be recognised, although naming rights need not be taken up if you would rather remain anonymous or have your gift recognised in a different way. In particular, we welcome sponsorship of a space in the new Music School.

You could name...

A SEAT  
IN THE NEW  
PERFORMANCE  
SPACE

£250

1 OF 12

PRACTICE  
ROOMS

£2500

THE  
ROCK  
ROOM

£6000

THE  
RECORDING  
STUDIO

£10000

THE  
MAIN  
REHEARSAL  
ROOM

£20000

THE  
CENTRAL  
CONCERT  
SPACE

£50000

## A NOTE OF THANKS

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We hope that you will join us to help Farleigh fully equip the music facility and provide our pupils with every possible opportunity.

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