

# ABRSM Exams

The Music Department enjoyed tremendous success with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music exams last week. Seventy pupils took exams with thirteen pupils passing with Merit and fifteen passing with Distinction. The exams ranged from the very first Initial and Prep Test exams to Grade 7. Special mention should be given to James Barber who passed with Distinction on both Grade 6 Saxophone and Grade 7 Piano. The examiner, Mr Gordon Busbridge, formerly Director of Music at Cheltenham College, took the unusual step of writing to me after the exams, 'I really enjoyed my time at St. Faith's and enjoyed meeting so many lovely children and hearing some super performances. Even in such unreal times, it is obvious that you have got so much going in the department, and I just hope that everything can return to normal in September; Music must be one of the hardest-hit areas in any school.'

The value of musical education is well researched, but few realise the QCA-accreditation the ABRSM and Trinity College of London music exams hold. My congratulations to all pupils, their Instrumental Teachers, and to those at home supporting with music practice!

**ABRSM** graded examinations are QCA-accredited at three levels in the National Qualifications Framework:

**Grades 1–3** at Level 1 (Foundation: **equivalent** to **GCSE grades 3–1**)

**Grades 4–5** at Level 2 (Intermediate: **GCSE grades 9–4**)

**Grades 6–8** at Level 3 (Advanced: A-Level).

## **ABRSM Awards**

100/150 67% pass

120/150 80% Merit

130/150 87% Distinction

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