Our Vision

The Royal High School is committed to providing an exceptional educational experience which enables our girls to excel in whatever their chosen field may be in the ever-advancing world of the 21st century.

As we evolve as a school, we are determined that our facilities and resources should match our top-class levels of teaching and care, ensuring that our students gain the benefits of learning in a truly contemporary environment.

Significant investment and development of our school has begun to get underway in recent years, with a newly renovated roof nearing completion, our beautiful new Contemplation Garden, the stunning refurbishment of the Boarding Houses and the resurfacing of several sporting areas.

But this is just the beginning.

The next 3 years will see millions of pounds of further investment from the GDST into our school, in two of the key areas which form the heart of the holistic experience of life at the Royal High School: sport and music.

Here, we are very excited to introduce the first phase of this investment and to invite you to be part of an opportunity to help create a Music School for everyone... with no limits.

Thank you for your support.
Jo Duncan, Head
Transforming Music

We want to create an outstanding, contemporary new Music School to inspire all of our students. Housed in a vibrant, fresh and inviting environment, with large teaching spaces, sound-proofed practice rooms and a beautiful recital space, our new Music School will be a beacon of excellence, opportunity and creativity.

- Mark Bradbury, Director of Music

We passionately believe that music has the power to stimulate, to unite and to transform.

Girls at the Royal High School already benefit from the specialist skills of the excellent academic and peripatetic staff of our Music Department and from the plethora of opportunities provided to nurture and develop their musical knowledge and capabilities.

However, the environment in which our girls learn, rehearse and perform music could be so much better. Originally built for alternatives purposes over 100 years ago, the facilities are now limited, out-dated, lacking in visual and acoustic appeal. Our new Music School will reflect and inspire the creativity, talents, ambitions and dedication of our students and our staff.

Such is the depth of belief in the benefits of music, The Royal High School and the GDST have made a generous investment to transform the Gatehouse into a superb new Music School by August 2019.

At the heart of this project is the desire to motivate each and every one of our students to access music in a way that appeals to them.

One of the ways we can achieve this is by installing in the new Music School a professional standard Recording Studio.

Providing girls of all ages the chance to record, engineer and produce music of every genre, the Recording Studio will open the doors to an abundance of exciting opportunities for budding performers, composers, engineers, physicists and technologists.

With this enticing resource, our Music School will not only be stunning, it will be spectacular.

However, we simply do not have enough funds to complete the final piece of the jigsaw and see our entire musical dream come to life.

In order to buy and install the Recording Studio, we need to raise a minimum of £65,000, with an ideal target of £100,000.

Through our first big fundraising appeal in many years, we hope to achieve this goal.
Our Music School will...

**Impart** musical knowledge and skill in a beautiful, contemporary setting

**Nurture** participation in all, encouraging more girls to take part in extra-curricular music activities

**Support** the development of confidence, self-motivation, teamwork, coordination, concentration and complex cognition

**Provide** a greater continuity of musical experience between the Junior School and Senior School.

**Improve** the support and opportunities offered to our talented musicians even further, ensuring they are able to reach and showcase their full potential

**Reach** out to professional musicians, local charities, and musical organisations within Bath community and invite them to run workshops, masterclasses and concerts

**Empower** our girls to be innovative and experimental, helping them to break down barriers in the fields of music composition, technology, production and engineering.
Group work makes you feel like part of a team.

“School music lessons give me a massive opportunity to do something I love.”

“Music has made me realise that there are many different ways that you can communicate with other people.”
Music performed as it should be
The Music School’s new recital space will enable students of all abilities to perform more regularly, inspire girls to perform to an even higher standard and allow audiences to hear their music in an acoustically and aesthetically-appropriate environment.

Vibrant, inviting, inspiring
When our girls approach their new Music School, they will do so with a sense of pride and excitement. Bright, vibrant spaces with top quality lighting, acoustics, décor, ventilation and classroom arrangements will create an inspiring new environment within which to learn.

“To have such superb facilities at school level would be extremely exciting. It would really inspire a creative work ethic and provide a lot of enjoyment.

- Amy Lyddon, professional opera singer and alumna
More space to learn

New, large teaching rooms will provide significant amount of increased space for groups to gather, to rehearse and to learn.

This increase in classrooms will also enable girls in our Junior School to visit the Senior School more often, meaning a wider scope of projects for younger students can be implemented, providing another way to spark and harness their interest in music at a young age.

Making practice perfect

New Practice Rooms will provide sound-proofed spaces where instrumental lessons and small-group rehearsals can take place. Creating these new rehearsal environments will make practise more appealing and more available, encouraging more girls to take up individual instruments and form their own bands, allowing independent creativity to flourish even further.
The accessibility to creativity that a professional standard recording studio enables is outstanding.

The Studio will help our girls to break down barriers: the music industry is traditionally very male-dominated, especially in the fields of production and composition.

By introducing girls to the world of music technology and sound engineering, we are opening doors for them to develop their skills and break through this male-oriented world.

But this resource will not only support those who want to pursue a career in music. It will also provide an avenue of engagement for those who may not be driven to access music through more traditional routes.

Furthermore, it will provide an applied setting for numerous cross-curricular projects, such as the study of concepts in physics and technology, and the application of business and marketing principles.

The combination of the new Recording Studio and the newly-located Mac Suite will provide the technology and environment to take music participation and accomplishment at the Royal High School into a new era.
Music for the Community

We are committed to ensuring our new Music School not only benefits our students, but also supports our wider community.

Bath is a city of culture and vast musical talent, with a wide array of choirs, orchestras, ensembles and musical theatre groups. We will welcome these groups into our new Music School, offering them a brand new space in which to rehearse and perform.

When the facilities are not being used by our students, each of the rooms and the Recording Studio will be available for use at an extremely reasonable rate. The profits from such use will be reinvested back into our school.

We are also excited by the chance to offer our new facilities to charities and non-profit groups for the benefit of their members and service users.

Importantly, this dedicated new facility will enable more children and local residents to benefit from the Outreach workshops and activities run by our Music Department, supporting creative development and expression for all in the local community.

“Stimulating innovation and creativity at every turn, the professional standard Recording Studio will enable our girls to create music with no limits.

Every girl will have the opportunity to use this fantastic new facility, however and wherever their imagination takes them:

- Record exam compositions to the highest quality
- Record their own music individually or in bands
- Record pieces as choirs and ensembles
- Learn how to produce and manipulate music
- Learn how to engineer sound
- Develop vocal recording skills for drama and presentations
- Become a pop star for a day!

We run many different groups for older people in B&NES to prevent loneliness and improve health and wellbeing. We are always on the lookout for interesting new spaces which can accommodate us. The new Music School sounds like a wonderful space and we would be very interested in holding workshops and sessions here.

- Age UK B&NES

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Realising the Dream

Thanks to a significant investment by the GDST, we are incredibly close to making our dream of the new Music School a reality. Subject to final planning approval, building of the new department will begin in Autumn 2018 with an anticipated completion date of Summer 2019.

But in order to put the final piece of the puzzle in place and install a Recording Studio, we need to raise a minimum of £65,000, with an ideal target of £100,000, as soon as possible.

With your help, we can create a new Music School with the technology and resources that will enhance every student’s experience of music, and of which our community can truly be proud.

By donating to our campaign for a Recording Studio you are investing in the skills, talents and happiness of every one of our girls, helping them to become creative leaders of the future.

This fabulous new facility demonstrates the RHSB’s commitment to going above and beyond excellence, not just for the ardent musicians but for all. I am delighted to be supporting the appeal and hope it will be hugely successful.

- Josephine Vercoe, parent
Making Music Happen

We are aiming to provide the very best Recording Studio for our girls.

This requires the purchase of professional standard technical equipment.

On top of the equipment costs, we need to raise sufficient funds to ensure we have the best quality installation expertise, sound-proofing, digital audio workstation, computer hardware, and more.

The images below provide just a few examples of the type of equipment required, demonstrating how impactful each and every donation will be to this appeal.

Microphones
£80 - £2,000 each

Studio Speakers
£2,500 per pair

Mixing Desk
£7,500 each

Headphones
£200 each

Accessories
£90 - £1,000 each

Cabling
£1,500 in total
How to Give

All gifts, no matter how large or small will make a real difference and will be greatly appreciated.

Gifts can be made in one go or can be spread out over a number of years; the choice is entirely yours, and we would be very happy to discuss the range of options with you.

A Single Gift
Online: please visit www.gdst.net/donate
Cheque: please make cheques payable to the GDST.
Phone: please call 01225 731077.

Regular Gifts
Monthly, quarterly or annual gifts provide a wonderful source of funding, which we will not only use immediately, but will allow us to plan our development investment ahead of time and help us pursue exciting new opportunities.

You can begin your journey of donating regularly to the Royal High School by setting up a direct debit, and the first 12 months of donations (or first donation if you choose an annual payment) will be directed to the Recording Studio campaign. You can set up a direct debit online on the GDST website at: www.gdst.net/donate

Gift Aid It
As a registered charity (306983) the Royal High School can reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers. This a wonderful opportunity to increase the value of your gift at no extra cost to you.

If you are a UK tax payer we are able to claim an additional 25% on top of your donation from HMRC. This means that a donation of, for example, £20 actually provides us with £25. All we need is a declaration from you that you pay tax in the UK, via the completion of a Gift Aid Declaration, as part of the giving process. Online donors will be prompted to do this as part of the online donation process.

Tax Efficient Giving
Higher rate tax payers are able to reclaim an additional amount of tax in their end of year tax returns. This means that your donation could be worth up to 40% more to our school than it will cost you.

Matched Giving
Many employers run matched giving schemes, whereby they match donations to charity made by their employees. This can double the gift you may be able to gift, providing hugely valuable extra support. Contact us to receive an information package that will help you apply for such funding.
Fundraising Events

As well as donating directly, you can support the appeal by attending our exciting calendar of events for students, parents and friends. Save these dates now!

The Red Carpet Ball
Friday 2nd February
A sparkling evening of drinks, dinner and dancing, hosted by the Friends of RHS. A thrilling auction will be held on the night, with all proceeds going to our appeal.

Gig Night
Thursday 8th February
A showcase of the home-grown bands of the Senior School and Junior School. Come and see your daughter and her friends rock out to classic hits.

The Making of Blue Planet II
Wednesday 7th March
A fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the making of Blue Planet II, with Producer James Honeyborne. Dive beneath the waves to learn how this amazing series was made.

Musical Theatre Masterclass with Katie Glover
Monday 9th April
Girls (and brothers!) from year 3 and above are invited to take part in a day-long masterclass with professional musical theatre actress, Katie Glover.

Music Production Masterclass
Wednesday 11th April
Anyone aged 11 and above is invited to join international DJ and music producer Mark Fanciulli, as well as other special guest teachers, to enjoy a fascinating insight into music production.

Piano-athon
Saturday 12th May
Be part of our Piano-athon in Bath city centre, where the piano will be played continuously for as many hours as possible.

Summer Music Festival
Saturday 30th June
A celebration of music, featuring students, staff, parents and exciting surprise guests!
Recognising your Support

We are so grateful for any support you are able to provide.

All donors and supporters will be recognised on our ‘Making Music Happen’ honours and supporters boards, as a way of recognising your generosity.

This will be displayed in the entrance of the new Music School.

A range of naming opportunities are also available, including the naming of rooms within the Music School and the Recording Studio itself. Equally, all requests for anonymity will be fully respected.

Early donations will be vital to the success of our campaign, and we would be delighted to discuss the project in more detail with any supporters who would like further information.

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All other direct donors will be recognised with a special ‘music note’ on the Music School Supporters Board.

More information about the whole project and appeal can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions page of the New Music School section on our school website.

On behalf of everyone at the Royal High School, thank you so much for your consideration of support for our Music School.

For information about giving to our campaign, please contact Anna Robertson, Development Coordinator, at a.robertson@rhsb.gdst.net or on 01225 731077.
Donation Form and Gift Aid Declaration

You may like to contribute to our appeal online by visiting our online donation portal at www.gdst.net/donate

Alternatively, please complete the form below and return it to Anna Robertson at The Royal High School Bath, Lansdown Road, Bath, BA1 5SZ. We will forward the information on your behalf to your bank, having ensured that your donation is recorded and acknowledged.

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Donation Details

**Single Donation:** I would like to make a single donation of £………………. to the Music School & Recording Studio Appeal.

I enclose a cheque for this amount, made payable to the GDST.

**Regular Donation:** I would like to set up a regular donation, which will be directed to the Music School & Recording Studio Appeal for the first 12 months. After this time, I understand that my donations will be directed to other projects, at the school’s discretion, until such time that I choose to stop such payments.

Please pay to Natwest Bank (sort code 60-04-04) for the credit of ‘GDST’ (account number 25632353) the sum of £……………. for each month/quarter/year (delete as appropriate), starting on (date)………..

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Account number................................. Sort Code................................

Signature............................................. Date.................................

Gift Aid Declaration:

To make your gift worth 25% more, please complete the section below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to the Royal High School. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature................................................................. Date.................................

Thank you so much for your support.

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