



THE
BEESTON
FOUNDATION



FUNDING THE BEESTON HALL
MUSIC SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

The Vision



Music is, and has always been, essential to life at Beeston. Today, all Beeston children have a weekly music lesson and over 80% of pupils learn an instrument, or sing, with one of our dedicated team of peripatetic teachers. Whether it's first steps on the piano, laying down beats for a music project, or preparing for a music scholarship, children have many opportunities to practise and perform. This investment springs from our conviction that the study of music, and the learning of musical instruments, has a benign effect on academic progress, as well as underpinning a lifelong love of music.

In having a flexible space for music and dance, including purpose-built sound booths and recording equipment, children will be able to experience the pleasures and benefits of collaboration, as well as individual progress and exploration. Ensuring the music school is sufficiently well-resourced to support all musical activity is vital, particularly with the transformative impact of technology on learning and listening. These new facilities will also be shared with local schools and music groups within our community in North Norfolk. While a practice and performance space such as this is not unusual, one with a recording studio is unique and will serve many more than simply Beeston pupils. This underlines our commitment to ensure many others have a chance to share this resource and further develop local relationships.

Through the generosity of donors to the Beeston Foundation we are able to fund some of the cost and Prep Schools Trust has already funded the start of the project through the redevelopment of the outside space. Donations will be key to us being able to press ahead with this important development. This is why we are launching The Beeston Music School Development Appeal.

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Fred de Falbe, Head

“THE MUSIC SCHOOL IS A HAVEN FOR CHILDREN AND A SPACE WHERE THEY CAN THRIVE. ALL ARE WELCOME AND OUR HOPE IS THAT ALL CHILDREN LEAVE BEESTON WITH A LIFE-LONG LOVE OF MUSIC.”

RACHEL CASEY, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



The Plan

Prep Schools Trust has appointed Taskspace to undertake the work of this exciting project. They are experts in transforming school projects and working to a set budget.

Our aim is to transform the existing music school into a multi-functional music space with more practice rooms, recording studio, sound-proofed live music studio, enhanced and flexible performance space, bespoke storage and staff office and reception space.



CONCERTS

The transformed venue will be ideal for concerts and recitals, inside and, as an outdoor performance space.



ASSEMBLIES

The new space will help bring us even more tightly together providing a venue for groups and gatherings of pupils, parents and visiting guests.



PARENTS' EVENINGS AND EVENTS

We will have the perfect additional space for gatherings of parents, and friends of Beeston Hall for both formal and informal occasions.

Spotlight on Music:

A GROWTH OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY PUPIL



Being involved in school music is a way to develop confidence, empathy, concentration, teamwork and communication. Every child at Beeston Hall participates in music throughout their time here. Music is about so much more than a performance or being the star in the spotlight.

The transformed music school – as both performance space and musical auditorium – will give this important aspect of school life even greater emphasis.

Alexander Chance (Beeston 2001), Eton Music Scholar, in 2022 became the first countertenor to win the International Handel Singing Competition, also winning the Audience Prize.

“When I was at Beeston, every pupil was encouraged to sing, whether in the choir, in a school musical, or in a larger school concert. Hymns were always sung with gusto by the entire school. Music was seen as something inclusive, not elitist, although the starrier musicians were given a platform to shine. Highlights from my time include Gilbert and Sullivan musicals, regular mini concerts, and weekend rock concerts.”

“Music is an intangibly important part of any young person’s education, whether they are musical or not. The musical education I received at Beeston, particularly from legendary figures like Judith Carter and Alistair Boag, set me on my path to a career in professional music, because it taught me, first and foremost, that it was for everyone, and to be enjoyed by everyone.”

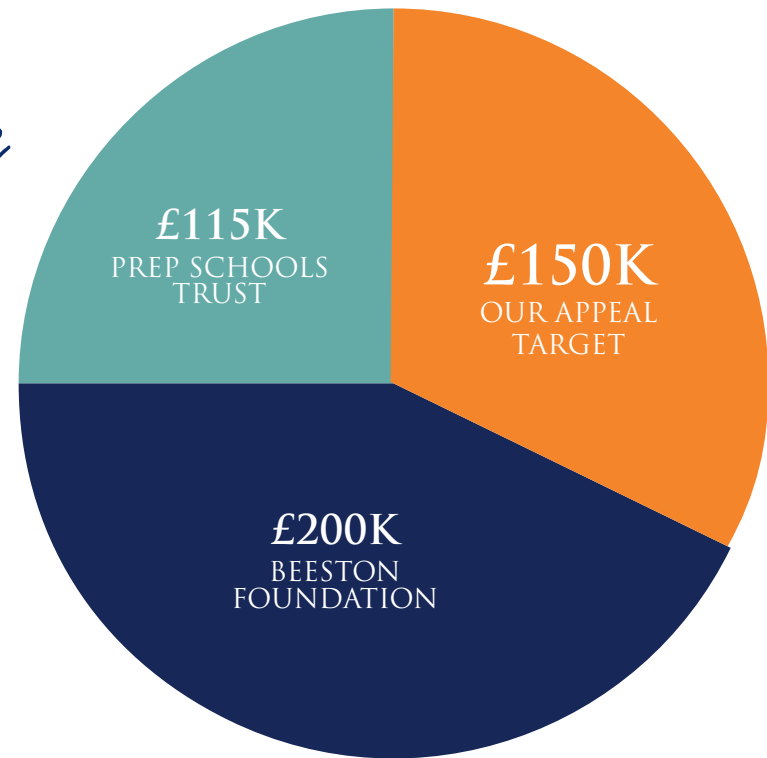
Why we need to fundraise

While school fees cover the main items of expenditure, there is little left each year for investment in facilities development. This is why a major project like the Beeston Hall Music School Development requires some fundraising.

COST AND TARGET

The cost of the Music School Development is £465,000. The Beeston Foundation already has £200,000 to contribute to the project Prep Schools Trust has contributed £115k and therefore we are looking for £150,000 to complete the works. The schedule to deliver this transformative project is:

Feb 2025	Fundraising underway
July 2025	Conversion work begins
Sept 2025	Completion of works and opening ceremony



TOTAL PROJECT COST
£465K

Your Donation



DONATIONS OR PLEDGES

We welcome donations by bank transfer or direct debit.

COMMUNICATION

We will keep donors informed of progress and timings, including information about the progress of the fundraising.

DONOR PERSPECTIVE

Our fundraising is guided and overseen by the Beeston Foundation with the support of parents and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGING GENEROSITY

We will be producing an engraved plaque to hang on the wall of the Music School listing our generous donors who wish to be included.



DONATION FORM

The Beeston Music School donation form can be found at itsworthdoingwell.co.uk/BeestonHallMusic or use the QR code

GIFT AID

Donations to the Beeston Hall Music School Appeal are given through the Prep Schools Trust, registered charity no. 309639. This means we can claim the Gift Aid on most donations adding 25% to the sum raised. It also means that donors can claim Higher Rate and top rate tax relief.

SPREAD YOUR GIFT OVER TIME

While we welcome single, lump sum donations, we would be happy to accept donations spread over two or three years.



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