

When people have light in themselves, it will shine out from them.

Albert Schweitzer

Together, making music and singing can have a positive influence on a child's mental development. Not only do they make you happy, they also foster the development of social skills and different cognitive processes.

What is more, music can bring people together and build bridges. Pupils can have their own experiences and have the opportunity to develop their skills while making music together. In reference to Albert Schweitzer, they can let the light shine out.

Choral and woodwind/brass lessons

The content and methods of the syllabus are dealt with and taught mainly by making practical use of the voice or the relevant instrument. This concept is not offered by many schools in Thuringia, especially not the choral class concept.

How choral and woodwind/brass classes are organised

At the Albert Schweitzer State Grammar School in Erfurt, pupils receiving choral and woodwind/brass tuition do not form individual form classes. When registering at our school, pupils can opt for choral and woodwind/brass lessons. Only during the music classes do they get into their different groups (apart from those receiving basic music tuition).

This means – according to the planning possibilities – that the choice of foreign language subjects should not be restricted, nor should it prevent pupils from going to classes with certain classmates.

Choral and woodwind/brass lessons are spread over years 5 and 6. During this time, pupils can display the results of their hard work at several events, including the Christmas and spring concerts, open days and performances outside the school.

From then on, musical development can take place in our choir for years 7 and above or in the youth orchestra and later in the *Stadtharmonie Erfurt*.



The cost

There is no charge for attending choral lessons.

To attend woodwind/brass lessons, there is a monthly fee for instrument tuition (from 40 Euro per month) as well as for the hire of the instrument (from 10 Euro per month).

We work with Steffen Gabel (*Musikatelier Gabel* in Erfurt) and his team from "Musik macht schlau e.V."

Pupils whose parents hold a "Sozialausweis der Landeshauptstadt" or are entitled to benefits under the "Bundesversorgungsgesetz" are granted a discount. Proof of receipt of such benefits is required.

The objectives of the choral or woodwind/brass classes are...

- teaching the fundamentals of music education by using practical methods i.e., making music in class by singing or playing a woodwind or brass instrument;
- positive access to music theory / music themes through musical practice;
- to develop a high level of ability and skill in pupils as regards sound quality and handling their voice or instruments;
- motivating pupils to actively participate in musical life for the long term both in and outside the school;
- support of social and cognitive skills through increased musical practise.

Information events

We happily invite you to our **Advent concerts** on **Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November 2024 at 7.00 pm** in the **Thomas-kirche** in Erfurt and to the **Stadtharmonie Erfurt-concert "Vorhang auf!"** on **9th November 2024 at 7.00 pm** in the Theater Erfurt.

On **Thursday 13th February 2025 at 5.00 pm**, an **information event (regarding our choral and woodwind/brass classes)** for **children AND parents** will take place in the **school hall**.

Furthermore, we warmly welcome you to our **open day on 27th February 2025 from 5 pm to 7 pm**. For further information, consult our website.

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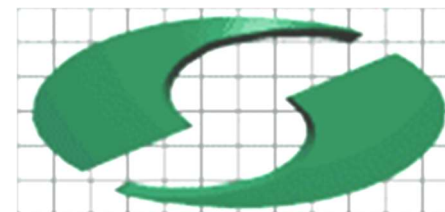
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Please note the current hygiene regulations when visiting our events.

Albert Schweitzer State Grammar School, Erfurt

Grammar school with special classes in the STEM department and with a bilingual stream with classes taught in the medium of English



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The *facultative* profile of how we deliver music education in years 5 and 6