



"I think the challenge that faces America is one that faces the world just now, which is how on earth do we compose an education system to prepare people for a future that we don't understand and cannot predict? The only way we can do it, I think, is to have children leave school firing on all cylinders – confident, creative, in their element, full of possibilities and full of hope. The arts are a central part of that solution – sitting foursquare with the sciences, with physical education, with the humanities and with languages...if we raise our children up, if we lift their eyes, maybe they'll see over the horizon and they will help to create this future and they will flourish in it. And if we do that, we'll have fulfilled our obligations as the current owners of education."

Sir Ken Robinson is a world-renowned speaker on developing continuous creativity and consistent innovation; voted Business Speaker of the Year by over 200 global and European companies; Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his outstanding achievements as a leader in creativity, education, and the arts.

SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

"Students with coursework and experience in music performance and music appreciation scored higher on the SAT; students in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal and 41 points higher on the math than did students with no arts participation."

*College Bound Seniors National Report; Princeton, NJ
The College Entrance Examination Board*

SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING INTELLIGENCE

"The musician is constantly adjusting decisions on tempo, tone, style, rhythm, phrasing, and feeling -- training the brain to become incredibly good at organizing and conducting numerous activities at once. Dedicated practice of this orchestration can have a great payoff for lifelong attention skills, intelligence, and an ability for self-knowledge and expression."

*John Ratey, M.D.
A User's Guide to the Brain, New York*

SUCCESS IN LIFE

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

*Billy Joel
American Pianist, singer-songwriter*

*Having fun....being with my friends....
going places....learning new things....
laughing together....being creative....
feeling happy....*

MUSIC

OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL



MUSIC

Music encourages children to come to believe in themselves as capable, creative, and compassionate individuals whose contribution makes a difference.

BAND



OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

We hope your child will consider participating in the band program at Oxford Middle School. The self-discipline, responsibility, and motivation necessary to be successful in the band program filters into all aspects of a child's school life. Many students in the band program are among the top students in the school population.

The band program starts in the 6th grade. It includes daily instruction on the instrument, including the basics of rhythm, tone and proper technique.

At the beginning of the school year, there will be an instrument rental night where you'll meet representatives from music companies that offer very affordable rental and purchase options. The school can also provide a limited number of instruments (low brass or woodwinds) for students to use while in band.

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CHOIR



OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Choir provides students with the opportunity to learn superb choral technique so they can perform confidently in the community and at choral festivals. These energetic students are focused, dedicated, and disciplined to the creation of exceptional choral music.

The choir program begins in the 6th grade and continues throughout high school. At the middle school level, students will have the opportunity to sing quality choral literature, learn to read music, develop healthy vocal technique, and become proficient in their performance skills.



WORLD MUSIC DRUMMING

World Music Drumming is introduced in 6th Grade. Students learn to play authentic drum and marimba pieces that celebrate the joy of world music. There are also after school performing drum clubs, including OMS Thunder Drummers.

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ORCHESTRA



OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Oxford Community Schools provides your children with the opportunity to begin studies in orchestra. Learning to play in the orchestra will foster proper instrument technique and performance practice. Students can begin in 6th grade and continue their orchestral studies throughout middle and high school.

In addition, your son or daughter will gain an understanding of sight reading, ensemble and performance skills, and will participate in concerts each semester.

At the beginning of the school year, there will be an instrument rental night where you'll meet representatives from music companies that offer very affordable rental and purchase options.

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