

Performing Arts

Music Ensemble Captains

It is wonderful to have a variety of leadership positions available for girls at Meriden. In Performing Arts, our ensembles benefit from having leaders to assist the conductors with setting up for rehearsals, communicating information and sometimes, leading warm-ups and other musical activities.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for these roles for 2024:

Symphony Orchestra	Meredith Xu
Sinfonia	Isabella Wahhab
Chamber Strings	Selina Wang
Intermediate Chamber Strings	Margot Bass-Tracy Alana Ikladios
Wind Symphony	Ellie Dong
Concert Band	Jazara Navaratnam
Big Band	Shivani Arora
Brass Captain	Kaitlyn Blair
Senior Singers	Lauren Kim Maddy Wood
Madrigals	Anastasia Ibrahim
Intermediate Singers	Sofia Lam
Choir	Ashlee Kim
Clarinet Ensemble	Juliana Messih
Flute Ensemble	Vanessa Ma
Percussion Ensemble	Zoe Leon
Rock Band	Amy Chen
Chapel Band	Asha Cunningham
Radio Project	Veronica Xie
Club 88	Annabella Chong

AMEB Examination Results

Congratulations to Sarah Lin, Year 8, who was awarded her AMusA Diploma for piano at the end of last year. This is an outstanding achievement that requires hours of practice and commitment.

Amadeus Recital

Students, staff, family, and friends were treated to an outstanding evening of music at the first Amadeus Recital of the year, on Wednesday 6 March.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Amadeus girls have been exploring what it means to 'play' music, in a series of seminars with Dr Goetz Richter. In performance, musicians put themselves in front of an audience to 'play', to see if all the technical aspects of their practice can be recreated under what many perceive as a stressful situation.

But 'to play' is also to enjoy, to use creativity, imagination, risk-taking, and to challenge oneself. It was wonderful to see the Amadeus girls embrace this idea in their performances. Congratulations to the following girls:

- Sharon Zhao, Year 10 – Violin Concerto Movement 1, *Tchaikovsky*
- Eva Gao, Year 9 – Cello Sonata Movement 3, *Shostakovich*
- Chanelle Tiranatvitayakul, Year 9 – Violin Concerto No. 9 Movement 1, *De Beriot*
- Emma Rose Koeswandy, Year 8 – Piano Sonata in E Minor Movement 1, *Haydn*
- Gabriella Wu, Year 8 – Rococo Variations, *Tchaikovsky*
- Connie Liu, Year 10 – Scottish Fantasy Movement 4, *Bruch*
- Symphony Shi, Year 8 – Cubana from Four Spanish Pieces, *De Falla*
- Zoe Chan & Erin Du, Year 12 – Piano Trio No. 2 Movement 4, *Mendelssohn*
- Teresa Yang, Year 12 – Violin Concerto No. 1 Movement 2, *Prokofiev*

Each performer was wonderfully captured by our photographer, and you can find pictures from the evening below.

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