

Music development plan summary: Churchmead School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Kat Jones, Head of Music
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Ms Serena Harrington, Head of Performing Arts
Name of local music hub	Berkshire Maestros

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular provision and musical events – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

The Curriculum:

The Music curriculum at Churchmead is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), which is a non-statutory guidance for teaching Music in school.

Students in KS3, receive one hour a week of timetabled Music lessons. Students in KS4 receive five hours across a two-week timetable.

Opportunities at Churchmead:

Students at Churchmead are encouraged to take up new opportunities throughout their school career. More detail on the opportunities can be found Part B and Part C of this document.

During KS3 Music lessons, students have the opportunity to learn a range of musical instruments including the piano and the ukulele. During KS4 Music lessons, students follow the BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice course. Students have the opportunity

to develop their instrumental and vocal skills during lesson time and during 1:1 lesson time.

As of September 2025, the Music Department are now housed in a new Music Room with three new practice rooms.

Links:

On our school website, you will be able to find the Intent, Implementation and Impact Statement for Music at Churchmead School ([here](#)). You will also be able to find information which also includes how we are increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND) ([here](#)). The KS3 and KS4 Music curriculum are also on our website ([here](#)).

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

For further information regarding the opportunities for extra-curricular and peripatetic lessons at Churchmead, please email kpeacock@churchmead.org

Monday Lunchtime.

1:1 Instrumental Practice.

Every Monday lunchtime, the practice rooms can be booked out for individual practice.

Tuesday Lunchtime.

Piano Club led by Miss Tomes and Mr Brown.

Every Tuesday Lunchtime, we offer Piano Club where students can come and develop their piano skills. All students from Y7 to Y13 are welcome to attend Piano Club however, it might benefit Y7 and Y8 students who wish to develop their piano skills outside of our usual lesson time.

Wednesday Lunchtime

School Choir led by Miss Tomes

Every Wednesday Lunchtime, students from Y7 to Y13 can take part in our Churchmead Choir. We sing from a range of repertoire where students can sing solos, in duets or as a part of a larger ensemble. The Churchmead Choir also provide the music during our Christmas Service and Easter Service.

BTEC Drop Ins led by Mrs Jones

New for September 2025, students who are a part of the BTEC Music Course will be able to meet with Mrs Jones to discuss anything related to BTEC Music. There will be biscuits!

Thursday Lunchtime

Saxophone Club led by Mr Brown

Students from Y7 to Y13 are welcome to develop their saxophone and ensemble performance skills. Students will perform in our annual Performing Arts Showcase.

1:1 Instrumental Practice.

Every Thursday lunchtime, the practice rooms can be booked out for individual practice.

Friday Lunchtime

BTEC Breakfast led by Mrs Jones

New for September 2025, students who are a part of the BTEC Music Course will be able to meet with Mrs Jones to discuss anything related to BTEC Music. There will be brainfood available!

School Choir led by Miss Tomes

Every Friday Lunchtime, students from Y7 to Y11 can take part in our Churchmead Choir. We sing from a range of repertoire where students can sing solos, in duets or as a part of a larger ensemble. The Churchmead Choir also provide the music during our Christmas Service and Easter Service.

Band led by Mr Brown

Students from Y7 to Y13 are welcome to develop their ensemble performance skills. Students will perform in our annual Performing Arts Showcase. It is time for students to come together to compose and perform together. During Music Club, students have access to electric guitars, keyboards, and the iMacs.

Peripatetic Lessons

1:1 Instrumental Lessons BTEC Music.

As a part of the BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice course students have the opportunity to participate in individual instrumental lessons. During these lessons, students will develop their knowledge and understand of their chosen instrument. Parental help and engagement with practice is always encouraged.

Part C: Musical Events

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Churchmead Showcase.

Over the past three years, students across all year groups have the opportunity to participate in our Churchmead Showcase during Term 4. This year, the Churchmead Showcase is on Thursday 26th March 2026. Tickets are £3 and can be purchased on the door. The Showcase is a chance for all students to get involved in Music by helping out backstage, becoming a part of the Front of House Team as well as in the audience watching their friends.

Christmas and Easter Services

Every year, the students of Churchmead visit their local Church to participate in the Christmas and Easter Services. The Churchmead Choir, and members of the Performing Arts Department, provide the music to accompany the worship.

Performing during Worships (Form Time)

Similar to the Christmas and Easter Services, we invite students to play during our Worships. When the music is played, students use this quiet time for reflection.

Annual trip to the Windsor Pantomime.

Each year, we take our KS4 Music students to see our local pantomime. The visit provides students with an opportunity to experience life in Music and Theatre industry.

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New for November and December 2025, our Churchmead Choir will have the opportunity to visit a range of Residential, Care and Retirement Homes for a performance.

Participation with local primary schools

We are continuing to develop links with a range of primary schools. We hope to develop our links with our feeder schools so students feel prepared to participate in Music in September.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

Every year, the Music Curriculum is adapted and refined to ensure we are catering for the needs of all our students. Students participate in Student Voices which allow them

the space and time to speak honestly about the topics covered and the opportunities within the department.

We plan to include opportunities for our students to experience a range of live music.

Further Information

Please find some useful links below:

Berkshire Maestros ([here](#))

The Department for Education [guide for parents and young people](#) on how you can get involved in music in and out of school, and where you can go to for support beyond the school.