# Music Development Plan Summary: Derby Cathedral School

## Overview

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| Detail | Information |
| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024-2025 |
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| Name of the school music lead | J Eaton |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | J Emberley |
| Name of local music hub  | Derby Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)  | Derby Cathedral |

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – 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.

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| At Derby Cathedral School, pupils study music for 50 minutes per week in year 8 and 9. In year 7, pupils study music for three 50-minute lessons per fortnight. One of these sessions is dedicated to covering a ‘Music in Schools’ project. This is a fortnightly session on developing vocal skills and understanding key terminology in music. Pupils who choose music as an option in year 10 study GCSE Music (Eduqas) and study this subject for three 50-minute lessons per week. At year 12 (Key Stage 5), pupils have the option to take either A-Level Music (Eduqas) or Btec Level 3 Music Performance Extended Certificate. We chose the most appropriate course option based on the cohort of pupils; ensuring that we build on the current strengths, weaknesses and interests of our pupilsOur curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (MMC).Pupils have the opportunity to learn to play and develop on keyboard, ukulele, a selection of popular music band instruments and use music technology throughout Year 7-9. In Years 7-9 pupils work individually and in pairs to develop as keyboard players. Whole-class ukulele tuition takes place in Year 7 and Year 8. In year 7-9, pupils have the opportunity to develop their ensemble music skills by taking part in a ‘band skills’ project, learning popular songs on keyboard, voice and ukulele in year 7, and drum kit, bass guitar and guitar in years 8 and 9. Pupils begin to use DAW software (Cubase and Chrome Lab) to create minimalist music and film music in Year 8, and further develop their music technology skills in year 9 by creating an EDM track (Electronic Dance Music). Derby Cathedral School works closely with Derby Music Service (local music hub) on classroom and co-curricular music. Additionally, we have a strong relationship with Derby Cathedral, through the music in schools project, our regular services, as a performance space and to give students access to performances and concerts, ensuring all pupils experience live music.  |

## Part B: Co-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.

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| At Derby Cathedral School, pupils have the opportunity to receive high-quality tuition on upper strings, woodwind, guitar, bass guitar, piano and drum kit. These lessons take place during the school day in our music practise rooms, on a rotation basis. The cost of these lessons range from £10 for a one-to-one lesson, to £5 for a shared lesson. Pupils on the pupil premium register can access a bursary, which reduces the cost of lessons by 30%. Additionally, if parents or carers are experiencing financial difficulty, we are able to support at a higher financial level. For some of our most vulnerable students this can also be supported as part of an intervention in partnership with the virtual school. Our primary provider for instrumental tuition is Derby Music Service (local music hub). All pupils in key stage 4 and 5 will have an instrumental lesson to support their progress for unit one of the GCSE/A-Level course. In year 7, all pupils also participate in whole-class singing workshops, leading to a showcase events at the end of the academic year in Derby Cathedral. **ENSEMBLES**Pupils can join one of a number of ensembles. These include choir, pop/rock bands and concert band. Any pupil, regardless of musical ability can join the choir and rock band workshops, however our concert band is aimed at pupils that can already play an instrument. The repertoire chosen for concert band depends on the skill-level of the group. These students meet and rehearse as part of our weekly enrichment programme. Pupils can borrow instruments from school for practice (this is free) and there are practice rooms available before school and during break and lunch for private practice and small group rehearsal. A wider range of instruments are also able to be hired at a highly subsidised rate from the Derby music parentship. |

## Part C: Musical experiences

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. Giving students a platform to take part in, experience and engage with a wide range of musical performances both internally and externally of school.

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| Pupils in year 7 will perform in a concert at Derby Cathedral, performing songs that they have learned through the music in schools project. All pupils and parents/carers are invited to a Christmas and Summer concert, showcasing high-quality music which takes place both in and out of lessons. There is a small charge for these concerts, which helps to further support the music department, helping us to provide more musical opportunities for our pupils. Pupils experience live music in collective worship. The worship band learn repertoire through the year and perform regularly in collective worship. Pupils can take part in a range of trips to perform outside of school. These include performing for the residents in local care homes, at Derby Royal Hospital as part of their Christmas celebrations and at Derby Cathedral, as part of the many services held there throughout the year. Additionally, pupils are invited on music trips to enrich their musical experience, depending upon the scheme of work they are studying. For example, in year 9, we study Hamilton the Musical, and we plan a trip to see the musical so pupils can appreciate how music, dance and drama come together and experience a high-quality professional performance. The Performing Arts department work together on a school production each year. This alternates biannually between a full musical and a play. Pupils are asked to perform the music for these events, ensuring they work together as a larger team, giving pupils the understanding and experience of how a production comes together.  |

## In the future

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

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| As a music department, we are committed to providing further opportunities for:* More pupils to take part in our extra-curricular offer, particularly our vocal group, by looking at alternative days and times for delivery and providing more opportunities to perform.
* More pupils to take up, and have access to instrumental tuition
* Pupils to experience a live orchestra
* Pupils to experience more live music, both in school and professional performances.

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