



Music development plan summary: *Ormskirk School*

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	M.Gore
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	C.Rimmer
Name of local music hub	Lancashire Music Hub (LMS)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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 pupil can achieve.

At Ormskirk School students receive weekly 1 hour music lessons and follow a bespoke curriculum that echoes the ambition of the UK National Curriculum for Music and takes inspiration from the new model music curriculum placing playing an instrument to a competent level to the forefront of learning. Students in years 7, 8 & 9 will engage with music on a practical level as much as possible. We let music do the talking. Students will learn how to Find Their Voice and Sing with Confidence, learn to perform solo and with others demonstrating accuracy and appropriate instrumental technique. Students will learn to read music, listen to, review and evaluate the range of musical elements that are interrelated and use this to deepen their understanding of music and understand how music is created. Students will learn how to compose music to meet a brief and will develop their own compositional voice. Learning will begin and end with music. Our curriculum for music can be found here:

<https://ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/creatives/music>



In addition to our offer to students during curriculum time we also offer a range of extracurricular opportunities. These are accessed at lunch times and are free for all students to attend. Lunch clubs include Music Tech Club, Band and Voiceworks. In addition to this we also have termly concerts. For aspiring musicians all concerts are fully inclusive and provide opportunities for students to participate whether that be a solo performer or part of a larger ensemble.

Ormskirk School works in partnership with Lancashire Music Hub and is a Music Centre for Lancashire. Each year there are opportunities for students to take part in LMH events such as Lancashire Sings events. Students are made aware of opportunities to get involved in after school music provision with Lancashire Music Hub and as a department we demonstrate our commitment and endorsement of the services that LMH provides through holding joint concert events which contributes to the rich tapestry of musical opportunities that are open to students at Ormskirk School and children in our wider community.

During KS4 students have the opportunity to opt for GCSE Music. At Ormskirk School we offer Eduqas GCSE Music. The curriculum overview for learning can be found here:

<https://ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/creatives/music>

At KS5 students who stay with throughout their journey into further education have further opportunities to student BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance. Curriculum overviews can be found here:

<https://ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/creatives/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.

At Ormskirk School we also offer individual 1-1 peripatetic instrumental tuition. Our team of visiting music teachers offer a range of different instruments that they can teach including: voice, piano, guitar, bass, drums & brass.

Outside of curriculum time students have the opportunity at lunch time to engage in Music Tech Club, Open Band Rehearsals in the practice rooms and Voiceworks. Lunch clubs are fully inclusive and are free for all students to attend. For students that are gifted & talented and enjoy participating in ensemble music we have the Ormskirk School House Band which is an aspirational band for students of all year groups to work towards being part of at some point in their musical learning journey. Ormskirk School House Band has provided music for Whole School Productions such as: Winter Concert, Ormskirk's Got Talent and Endeavour Awards 2025.



Due to Lancashire Music Hub using our music department as the Ormskirk Music Centre it could not be easier for students who want to participate in after school music provision. Held in our main music classrooms and practice rooms around the department students have access to further instrumental lessons, small and large ensemble music. Provision at 'Ormskirk Music Centre' is wide ranging and provides a variety of instrument choice, choir, orchestra and rock band. There are also facilities for students to hire instruments on a case-by-case basis; organised through LMH.

All information regarding Ormskirk Music Centre – (Held at Ormskirk School) can be found here:

<https://www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/site/get-involved/ormskirk-music-centre-2/>

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.

This year 2024-25 there is a variety of musical opportunities that students can engage in. These opportunities include:

Endeavour Awards

Whole School Production

Winter Concert (In Collaboration with Lancashire Music Hub)

Ormskirk's Got Talent

Summer Concert

*All productions and musical events are fully inclusive and provide opportunities for all to participate subject to an audition. If students are not yet at a stage where a solo performance is secure and confidence is not fully developed, we offer opportunities to perform as part of a larger ensemble. This enables students to gain the necessary experiences and develop confidence to support them on their journey to performing successfully as a soloist or as part of a smaller ensemble. Students do not pay to be involved as a performer for music concerts and productions. Ticket prices are charged for audience members to support the cost of operating such events. Concessions are made for students of Ormskirk School and for children wanting to attend.

In the future

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



- In the future we are planning to expand the range of ensemble provision that we can offer to students. We have plans with Lancashire Music Hub to offer Jazz Ensemble.
- We are also hope to expand the range of instrumental lessons that we offer to include more diversity. Including, strings and woodwind.
- The Music Department at Ormskirk School would also like to eventually rebuild the school orchestra to fully support whole school productions and other musical events.