

# Music development plan summary: Park Community Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Miss. J Cassidy
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr. Stuart Johnson
Name of local music hub	Blackpool Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	BASSO

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.

- We have planned our curriculum around our pupil's needs and ensure that every year group is given the opportunity to play an instrument and participate in age appropriate learning which is both relevant and engaging.
- We have created a bank of resources for staff, to ensure more-able pupils are stimulated and challenged in music lessons.
- Our Sea View Trust Progression Document has been planned using the Model Music Curriculum alongside other schools in our trust. This document has been the spine for our personalised Park Community Academy Music Curriculum, ensuring all objectives are divided and taught in relevant year groups. This document is available under the 'Curriculum' tab of our website.

- We have devised our own Music curriculum which incorporates Charanga to support and resource some of our music lessons; however, we do not limit ourselves to Charanga. Teachers are provided with a bank of resources to ensure a broad and balanced music education is delivered. Within music lessons, children play a range of instruments and experience a variety of genres. One 50-minute music lesson is delivered weekly to all our pupils in class by the music specialists within school, or our highly trained class teachers.
- The pupils also attend a 30-minute assembly every week in which pupils and staff enjoy singing together. Each week children also have the opportunity to attend either the school Brass Band or Choir. Currently over 60 pupils from Key Stage 3 and 4 and 5 regularly attend choir or band as part of our curriculum. Within these sessions, students are credited with Discover and Explore Arts Award in Key Stage 2 and this is then further developed as all children achieve Bronze Arts Award in Year 9.
- This year we have implemented the initiative that all of our Year 5 pupils experience weekly brass lessons, this is delivered by a specialist peripatetic teacher to the whole class spread over two terms to ensure positive trajectory to more wider opportunities. Key stage 4 and 5 also have the opportunity gain accredited credited qualifications in music and performance through exam boards such as AQA, WJEC and Pearson Btec.
- This year in a bid to stay relevant to our ever changing world we have introduced more music software production topics and electronic music composition units to our curriculum offer.

## 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.

- Our pupils are given countless opportunities to perform vocally and instrumentally throughout the year.
- We currently have 30 pupils on role who receive 1-1 music lessons by peripatetic teachers from our colleagues at The Blackpool Music Service. The school pays for these sessions and pupils are encouraged to take their instruments home to practice. Some of our students are now even achieving grades within their chosen instrument which is a pleasure to see.

- Our school choir is made up of pupils from year 7 to year 11. Our school band is made up of pupils from Year 7 to Year 13. The choir and band have continued to develop over the past year, gaining more members, more confidence, more soloists and more public performances. Thanks to our excellent working relationship with Blackpool Music Service and our newly appointed 'Music Ambassador School' status our pupils have performed in a variety of venues across Blackpool, allowing our students to progress beyond the core curriculum.
- Our choir sings regularly in our community and we work closely with The Grand Theatre Blackpool and The Winter Gardens Blackpool to participate in shows. Please see our website for photographs and details of our musical performances.
- Over the past year, children have had the opportunity to join a 'pop club' and 'piano' extra-curricular clubs at both lunch time and after school. This allows children to develop their interests in instrumental ensembles and other forms of music making. These clubs are free to join and the instruments are provided free to the children on loan. Fortunately, our school has a designated music rooms that allows classes and clubs to practice and rehearse for performances and during lessons. This allows our students to focus in a purposeful and well-resourced environment.
- Every year our pupils across all key stages are invited to take part in our two student lead talent shows held during the autumn term. The pupils who participate, rehearse in their own time and prepare their own audition pieces. They are supported by the whole school in two shows – Key Stage 1 and 2 and then Key stage 3 and 4. Not only does this develop the confidence of our young musicians it allows other pupils to take the lead on organising an event which has proved hugely valuable for the life skills of our senior pupils.

## 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.

- Across all key stages, pupils have a range of opportunities to experience live musical theatre performances both within school and in our local theatres. All our pupils take part in musical performances, such as Christmas plays and nativities, KS2 Summer performances, fashion shows and Arts focused outcome events.

- Pupils also have an annual visits from an African Drumming Workshop as well as visits from industry musicians. These experiences further support opportunities to develop collaboration and team building skills.
- Musical experiences are also present through a range of co-curricular activities to enable children to apply and use music in real life and in other academic contexts.
- The overall provision is diverse, valuing all musical styles, genres and traditions equally; this is reflected in the clubs and enrichment programmes, drawing on the skills, talents and interests of staff and local stakeholders through specialist tuition.
- Parents and carers actively support music making, through support at events and through home learning.

## **In the future**

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

This year our focus is 'Empowered Future Musicians' in which we aim to allow all pupils the chance to participate in electronic music making as well as challenging our higher level learners further by leading their own music sessions both within the curriculum and as extracurricular activities.