

# Music development plan summary for Werneth School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Chris Barnett
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Rhiannon Chantler
Name of local music hub	Stockport

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 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.

At KS3, the students at Werneth School receive a timetabled 1 hour music lesson each week in year 7 & 8 and then 2 sets of 10 lessons across year 9.

Students are provided with the opportunity to develop their knowledge of a wide range of musical genres through listening, composing and performing activities. There are opportunities for individual, paired and whole-class performing. Primarily students work on keyboards using iMacs and Garageband but also have opportunities to perform on the drums, ukuleles, guitars and any specialist instrument that they may work on outside of the classroom. Student

The school music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum, GCSE requirements but also refined to include up to date changes in the industry, class sizes, teacher specialisms and equipment. The overview of the curriculum and the long term plans can be found on the school website.

Our students can opt at KS4 to take GCSE Music. This follows the OCR exam board syllabus and covers performing, composing and music appreciation of a variety of genres from different periods of time as well as from around the world.

## **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.

Outside of the taught lesson time, students are provided with the opportunity to develop their instrumental playing and singing skills. We have a number of visiting peripatetic tutors who deliver tuition on a range of instruments; guitars, drums, keyboard/piano, singing, woodwind and brass. These lessons are paid for by parents but with a subsidy from the school. The amount of subsidy depends on pupil premium status. Students are encouraged to work towards instrumental exams and we regularly prepare and enter students for ABRSM music exams.

Students are welcome to develop their own skills in their own time at break and lunch in practice rooms under the supervision of their music teacher. In addition there are organised singing groups and ensembles which rehearse regularly at lunchtimes or afterschool.

The authority music hub is based within the catchment area and we encourage students to get involved with this. We have many students who attend there performing in brass / wind bands, musical theatre groups, rock ensembles etc. They also organise a hub music tour to Heilbronn, Germany on a regular basis.

## **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.

Our students are encouraged to get involved with the musical events that take place throughout the academic year. These events include:

- Musical Production - this year we are currently working on our in-house production of 'We Will Rock You'. This is a cross curricular project primarily with Dance and Drama.
- Open Evening - will feature material from We Will Rock You and also performances by one of our rock bands.
- Christmas Concert - singing and musical ensembles performing a variety of Christmas songs in our main hall.
- Carol Singing at a local residential retirement complex.
- Battle Of The Bands - local music hub competition which we regularly perform at.
- Composer of the Year - local music hub competition for young songwriters.
- Easter Music Showcase - music performances alongside selections of dance and drama work.

## In the future

Over the coming academic year, we plan to make improvements to the music provision available to our students by:

- Increasing participation in extra-curricular activities
- Building on our experiences from this years production to increase the scale for future productions e.g. developing the sound and lighting, re-developing the seating in the hall, new staging equipment etc.
- Offering educational visits relating to the curriculum and supporting the students to access live music outside of the classroom.
- Offering an increased number of performance opportunities.