

Music development plan summary: Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	26/9/24
Date this summary will be reviewed	1/9/25
Name of the school music lead	Mr. P Tallant
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr. J Wynne
Name of local music hub	Halton and Cheshire (Not used)
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 pupils can achieve.

- Music is taught to all students in a weekly 1-hour lesson throughout Key Stage 3. At Key Stage 4 students can choose to study for a qualification in music - Lv1/2 BTEC Music Practice – over 5 1-hour lesson per fortnight or can continue to engage with peripatetic music lessons or enrichment clubs at lunch or after school. At Key Stage 5 students can choose to study for Level 3 RSL Music Practitioners qualification and or continue to engage with enrichment activities and music tuition.
- Our music curriculum is informed by the National Curriculum and the Model Music Curriculum. By the end of Key Stage 3 all students will have been taught aspects of:
 - Singing
 - Keyboard

- Guitar/ Bass
- Ukulele
- Drums/percussion
- Music Production

We offer all students the chance to learn the above and other instruments through peripatetic lessons. We ensure our music curriculum is adapted for all learners through close liaison with our school SENCO. In addition, our school provides music wellbeing sessions for vulnerable students.

Our curriculum allows all students, regardless of prior attainment the opportunity to progress, to gain recognised qualifications or to pursue music as a hobby and gives all students access to use industry grade equipment in our on-site recording studio and suite of computers equipped with industry standard software.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Our students can engage with music beyond our timetabled lessons. We have a well-resourced and coordinated performing arts department where students at all key stages can study drama and dance or participate with those subjects through extracurricular activities.

We have an annual school musical production, giving students the opportunity to act, sing, perform in the house band or assist with production or backstage.

Our school regular musical enrichment through the following clubs:

- Choir
- Rock band
- KS3 Keyboard Music Enrichment

Each half term our music department facilitates an Open Mic evening where all students are welcome to perform and watch.

Our music department also presents a Christmas concert and a summer term musical performance.

All students can choose to be taught an instrument through peripatetic lessons which are heavily subsidised by the school to ensure they are affordable for all. Student who are studying for a qualification in music at Key Stage 4 or 5 receive additional music tuition for free.

Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy has working partnerships across the Ormiston Trust. Allowing staff to share best practice and receive continued profession development. In addition, we have excellent links with local primary schools and offer weekly slots for

students in Year 5 to receive lessons from our subject specialist staff using equipment that would not normally be available to them.

Part C: Musical experiences

Annually students at Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy can experience music outside of the formal classroom setting:

- Students can participate in or attend a performance of our school production
- See students performing at open evenings, open mic events, or our Christmas or summer concerts.
- Our school choir and Y7 students will perform in the local community – singing at our neighbouring Halton Haven Hospice
- Performance in other schools
- Our KS5 student organise a full gig for the public as part of their qualification performance
- Our primary outreach program culminates in a performance with local primary schools performing to their parent and care givers.
- We have a thriving staff band that perform for the students

In the future

Our music curriculum is annually reviewed to ensure it is the best possible for our students. We are currently looking to provide our students the opportunity to attend more external live performances and to bring in guest speakers from the music industry to further enrich our curriculum.