

Music development plan summary: Penkridge Middle School



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
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Name of the school music lead	Richard Corbett
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Andy Grocutt
Name of local music hub	C-Natural Music Service

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.

Key Stage 2 Music:

Year 5 = 1 hour lesson per week

Year 6 = 1 hour lesson per week

Key Stage 3 Music:

Year 7 = 1 hour lesson per week

Year 8 = 1 hour lesson per week

At KS2 and 3, the aim is to provide pupils with the opportunity to progress their musical ability. The Curriculum is designed to allow the pupils to creatively explore and create through the following skills:

Practical Skills – Solo performance, Ensemble performance and Composition tasks. During the 4 years at PMS the pupils will learn to play keyboard and a range of percussion instruments and vocal activities. There is a strong focus on developing the pupils' individual self-confidence and resilience through performing, communication skills, time management and creativity.

Appraisal Skills – Contextual understanding and appreciation, musical features, key vocabulary and listening skills. The pupils will gain a deep understanding of the Social, Political, Historical and Cultural influences of a range of musical genres.

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.

Extra-Curricular and Music Tuition play a large part in the daily life of the Music Department here at Penkridge Middle School. Below is a list of information regarding the current extra-curricular and tuition that we offer:

Music Tuition

- Music tuition is offered to all pupils across years 5-8.
- Tuition is available on Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone Euphonium, Tuba, Piano, Keyboard, Drum kit, Guitar and Voice.
- Lessons are offered at £15 per 30-minute lesson which is paid on a termly basis. Pupils receiving free school meals are offered their lessons at a reduced cost.
- Tuition is taught on a 1 to1 basis.
- Pupils are offered the opportunity to work towards music qualifications from either ABRSM, Rockscool or Trinity (dependant on instrument).

In School Extra-Curricular

- School Choir (62 pupils currently involved)
- School Band
- Keyboard Club (Lunchtime)
- Assembly spotlight performances

All year

Pupils have the opportunity to practice independently or in small ensembles using the department practice rooms at lunchtime on various days subject to staff permission.

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.

Lesson Time

Pupils are encouraged to perform to each other regularly and often perform their practical tasks as the assessment at the end of the topic.

School Calendared Music Events.

Tuesday 17th December, 2024 – ‘PMS Christmas Concert’

- All choir members (Years 5-8)

Friday 28th February, 2025 - ‘Stafford’s Gotta Sing’

- All choir members (Years 5-8) All afternoon and evening event.

May/ June 2025 - ‘Choral Day’ at Stafford Grammar School

- All choir members (Years 5-8). All afternoon and evening event.

July 2025 - ‘Y4 Transition Day’

- Selected choir members to support with vocal activities. An all-day event.

Summer 2025 - School Musical Production

- All choir members (All years 5-8) All day and evening event.
- All pupils in the school have the opportunity to be involved whether it is performing or production responsibilities.

In the future

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

- Continue to develop the Music Curriculum
- Continue to encourage attendance at extra-curricular
- Continue to encourage pupils to take up the opportunity to learn a musical instrument