



Music development plan summary: Saint George's C of E School

Overview

DETAIL	INFORMATION
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Name of the school music lead	Mr D Mackey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Mrs S Lane
Name of local music hub	Kent Music

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.

KS3 students in years 7 and 8 receive 1 hour of classroom music lessons per fortnight with a music specialist teacher, incorporating musical performance and rehearsals, analysis and listening skills, and composition tasks.

KS3 students in year 9 receive 5 hours a fortnight for 1 term if music is selected as part of the taster carousel. This gives students a look at what the course would be like in KS4 if they choose to select it as one of their options.

Year 7 – MADTSHIRT (Elements of Music), The Blues - Composition, Introducing Ensemble Performance.

Year 8 – Through The Decades – Keyboard Skills, Staff Notation, Rhythm Notation, Guardians of the Galaxy – Music for Film, Exploring Leitmotifs, Writing Leitmotifs, Responding to a Brief. Rock Band – Rehearsal Skills and Techniques, Performance Skills and Techniques.

Year 9 – Taster Carousel – One Term if picked as a Taster – Music Industry Careers, Song Analysis, Instrumental and Performance Technique, Ensemble Performance.

At KS4 we offer the Edexcel BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 in Music Practice. Students who pick this as one of their options will receive 5 hours of music lessons per fortnight. The Tech Award in Music Practice allows students to gain a deeper understanding of Music through Composition, Solo Performance, Song Analysis and Music Technology.

At KS5 we offer the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance. Students who take this option at KS5 will receive 8 hours of lessons per fortnight. This course allows students to develop their musical ability through units such as practical music theory and harmony, composition, solo performance, ensemble performance and professional practice in the music industry.

Students who undertake peripatetic instrumental lessons have the option to undertake grades on their chosen instrument. This can be facilitated by their instrumental teacher.

Part B: Extra-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.

We offer weekly 20 and 30-minute individual and paired instrumental and vocal lessons that take place during the school day in our purpose-built practice rooms on a timetable set by the instrumental teachers in consultation with students and parents to limit the impact on missing the same lesson or subject each week. We offer tuition on the following instruments at present, but we are looking to grow our provision: voice, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, piano and drums.

School subsidised lessons are available for students who are in receipt of pupil premium funding and free school meals.

We run a variety of free weekly music ensembles and clubs that any students can join:

Monday Lunchtime – Pop n Rock Club

Tuesday Afterschool – Musical Rehearsals

Wednesday Lunchtime – Saint George’s Singers

Wednesday After School – Music Concert/Ensemble Rehearsals

Thursday After School – Musical Rehearsals

Friday Lunchtime – Pop n Rock Club

We offer space for group band practice in the music practice rooms every day at break and lunchtime.

The practice rooms in the music department are also available for students to practice individually at break, lunchtime and after school.

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.

Worship Singing – Academic Year (Year 7 and 8)

Worship Band – Academic Year (All Years)

Open Day Performance – Autumn Term (Performance Year 7 – 13)

Carol Service – Autumn Term (Performance Year 7 – 13)

Rochester Cathedral – Autumn Term (Performance Year 7 – 13)

School Musical ‘Matilda’ – Spring Term (Performance Year 7 – 13)

Trust Music Concert – Spring Term (Performance Year 7 – 13)

Several of our performances are free of charge to attend, but for larger scale events, there will be a small cost involved.

In the future

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

We will continue our high standard of performance, providing regular opportunities for our students to perform both in school and in the community.

We aim to put on a Music Concert next academic year which will involve students across all key stages.

We aim to develop our peripatetic provision to incorporate classical instrument tuition.

KS3 students will continue to receive 1 hour of classroom music lessons every 2-week cycle. If students choose Music in year 9 for the taster they will continue to receive 5 hours per 2-weeks for 1 half term.