

Stoke Park School - School Music Development Plan Summary:

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Sharon Vincent
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lucy Jakubecz - Assistant Headteacher
Name of local music hub	Heart of England Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Coventry Music, Orchestras for All, Music Mark

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our students 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 students and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our students’ music education.

Music is currently delivered by two music specialists who are highly qualified and experienced teachers, Mrs S Vincent and Miss L Kennedy. The Music Department has three well-equipped rooms, four practice rooms with piano and drum kits, and an ensemble room with instrument storeroom. Classroom one is equipped with eight Yamaha clavinos and eight keyboards. Room two has 20 iMacs, with 61 key midi keyboards, that use LogicPro and MuseScore, the room also has an upright piano. Both rooms have access to a class set of ukuleles, djembes, guitars, amplifiers, samba kit and a variety of pitched and handheld percussion instruments.

Our third teaching room is located in our new Sixth form centre, along with a recording studio and sound room. This room has 8 iMacs also with 61 key midi keyboards.

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 students can achieve.

At Stoke Park School, students study music for one hour per week in Y7-8, and rotate half-termly with Drama in Year 9.

Students who choose music as an option at KS4 (BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice) will study music for three lessons a week. At KS5 students study music for five lessons a week.

Our curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (MMC).

Students have the opportunity to learn to play and develop on keyboard, ukulele (leading to guitar and bass guitar) and using music technology throughout Year 7-9. In Y7-9 students work individually and in pairs to develop as keyboard players. Whole-class ukulele tuition takes place in Y7 and Y8. Students experience whole-class drumming in Y8 and students work in small groups to combine their keyboard, ukulele (and guitar) percussion (drumming) skills as part of a band.

Students begin to use music notation software (Musescore) in Y7, and develop to using LogicPro throughout Y8 and Y9

Stoke Park works closely with Heart of England Music Hub (local music hub) on classroom and co-curricular music. We also have strong working partnerships with the other secondary schools in the MAT, working together on curriculum planning, delivery, and assessment.

Students have the opportunity to study Music in Y10 and Y11 through the BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice. Through this qualification they have the option to take either a 'Performance' or 'Music Technology' pathway.

Students in Y12 and Y13 are able to study Music through the RSL Level 3 Certificate in Technology for Music Practitioners.

Students on the 'Performance' pathway at KS4 and KS5 receive 20 minutes individual instrumental tuition as part of their course.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for students to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how students can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

- Stoke Park offers instrumental and vocal lessons in partnership with Coventry Music, covering: Voice, Strings, Brass and Woodwind
- Stoke Park also employs its own staff to teach – Piano, keyboard, drums, guitar (classical and electric) and bass guitar.

One of the special opportunities of a place at Stoke Park School in Y7, is the opportunity to receive **free tuition** on an orchestral instrument for beginners.

Students are provided with their own instrument, **free of charge**, for which they are personally responsible. Tuition is provided in small group settings of 6 - 8 students as part of their curriculum timetable, with specialist instrumental teachers from our local music hub, Coventry Music. In between lessons, students are expected to take their instrument home and undertake regular practice to develop their skills, as part of their homework routine.

Through learning an instrument, students will experience a much wider range of benefits than simply becoming a musician. Research has shown that students who learn an instrument have increased self-confidence, higher levels of resilience, greater concentration, and improved academic attainment.

Students can also receive heavily subsidised lessons on all instruments/voice. A 20 minute individual lesson will be £6.50 per lesson, A shared 20 minute lesson (2- 4 students) will be £3.50 per lesson.

Extra-Curricular Music Opportunities:

Brass ensemble

Bridge Choir, Gateway Choir, Senior Choir

Orchestra.

Keyboard Club

Music tech Club

Guitar/Ukulele Ensemble

Access to dedicated practice rooms and recording studio facilities, before school, breaktime, lunchtime and after school.

Performing Opportunities Throughout the Year:

Christmas Concert

Talent Show

Christmas Lunches and Easter 'High Teas'. These are formal occasions, where students are given the opportunity to perform to their year group peers.

Y11 Solo Performances

Y12 Lead Performer recital.

Y13 Final Recital

School Musical, to paying audience, and free Matinee performance to feeder primary schools as part of Transition work. This Musical production is linked with the Drama Department being an essential part of our enrichment at the end of the academic year. Choir visit to local hospital at Christmas to perform.

Christmas Performance in collaboration with Coventry Music at Central Hall, Coventry

Orchestral workshop with external conductor

Orchestral workshop at Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

Orchestral workshop and performance at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Birmingham.

Planned choir tour to Belgium with at least two performances.

Students are signposted to music activities outside the school day, such as those in partnership with Heart of England Music Hub, auditions for local Theatre companies and musical ensembles/choirs.

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.

Trips:

- Y7 visit to Symphony Hall Birmingham to watch the City of Symphony Orchestra.
- Y7-13 visit to Warwick Arts Centre to watch the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Y7-13 Summer choir tour to Belgium.
- Y12/13 visit to Liverpool, to visit the British Music Experience
- Orchestra – visit to Midland Arts Centre and Royal Birmingham Conservatoire to play in Modulo Orchestra with Orchestras for All.

In the future

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

- Y9 lessons to return to once a week.
- Cross-trust collaboration. Orchestral 'Play Day'.