

Music development plan summary: Oaklands Catholic School

Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Henry Marshall |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | |
| Name of local music hub | Hampshire Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place) | |

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.

<https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/curriculum/subject-areas/pa/>

Currently students in year 7 have music lessons once a fortnight, and students in year 8 and 9 have lessons once per week. If students continue music into KS4, they have 5 lessons per fortnight. Our curriculum at KS3 is informed by the model music curriculum. Students have access to keyboards, guitars, percussion and samba instruments, and computers. These are all used in the KS3 curriculum.

Curriculum lessons are focused on practical instrument playing, as well as developing musicianship through listening and appraising. Discussions are encouraged in lessons, where students can share thoughts and ideas.

Musical keywords are used, to help enhance students understanding of Music, and develop a shared language in the classroom.

We currently offer GCSE music, on the OCR exam board, for students in years 10 and 11, and EDEXCEL A level Music for students at our sixth form. Students taking instrumental lessons, are also encouraged to take graded exams.

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 peripatetic music tuition on Woodwind, Brass, String, Percussion, Guitar, Piano and Vocals. These lessons are either in small groups, or individual.

Students are encouraged to take part in Extra-Curricular music. We currently offer a Rock Band club, Music Technology club, Choir, and concert band. Additionally, we have a yearly school musical, with over 80 students taking part.

There are 4 practice rooms, which students are able to book to use during lunch and afterschool. All rooms have equipment for students to be able to develop musicality and create their own groups, or practice solos for upcoming exams.

Instrumental lessons are subsidised for Pupil premium students, and for students studying a second or third instrument. A-Level students receive free tuition on one instrument.

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.

We have 2 Music concerts, taking place at Christmas, and in the Summer. This gives students performance experience, and can be good practice for upcoming exams. These concerts involve students from year 7, often in their first performances, to KS4 and KS5 students. Students regularly take part in providing music for masses, as well as playing in assemblies. We always have student musicians in the band for our yearly school musical, developing skills alongside industry professionals. All of these events are open for students to enjoy as an audience as well as a performer.

We have been on trips recently to see the Royal Marine Band, A night of Film Music, and an evening of Baroque Classics. These opportunities have linked to our GCSE course, providing students with real world listening opportunities.

Our links with the Royal Marine Band Service, have meant we are able to have talks and workshops, as well as the opportunity to see the band perform.

In the future

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

We look to further our ties with the local music hub, and develop musical experiences linked with other subjects in the school.

We expect a curriculum review to occur soon, which will prompt us to examine options and GCSE and A level.