

Music development plan summary: Northwick Park Academy Trust

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	Oct 2024
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Name of the school music lead	S Wingham
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Emma Lane
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex Music Hub: Essex Music Service
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.

Northwick Park Trust follows an amalgamation of the Charanga Model Music Curriculum and Charanga Original Scheme, which has been written to follow the scope and breadth of the model music curriculum.

Music is taught weekly by class teachers for 30 minutes. 30 minutes of singing is taught by the Trust music lead, weekly.

Year 1 and Year 2 are introduced to tuned instruments by the class teacher. Every child in Year 3 has the opportunity to learn the recorder which they then continue in Year 4. All children in Year 5 have 2 terms worth of woodwind instrumental lessons taught by a music specialist from the Essex Music Hub.

Cross curricular links are encouraged in subjects such as reading comprehension, art and PE.

The trust has close links with the Essex Music Hub and Essex Music Services to support music opportunities for our pupils. This includes support with opportunities to access live music.

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.

Pupils are able to access financial assistance from Essex Music Service for music lessons. Northwick Park Trust provide access to individual and small group music lessons for drums, piano, guitar, ukelele and bass. This is subsidised for pupil premium children and CLA are able to access free lessons.

We provide opportunities for children to sing in a choir in Year 2, Year 4 and 5 and Year 6 chamber choir. Rock band is offered to children in Year 5 and 6. Ukelele club is offered to Year 5 children. These opportunities are free of charge for all children.

Pupils are able to access financial assistance from Essex Music Service for music lessons, instrument hire and county-led ensembles. They are also able to access instrumental and ensemble activities outside of the school day through Essex Music Service and Ewan's Music Trust.

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.

Throughout the Trust, children have the opportunity to perform in year group assemblies, summer music concerts, annual whole school picnic assembly, Christmas concerts and topic assemblies. These events are free of charge for all children and parents are able to attend at no cost.

In conjunction with the Essex Music Hub, we have used 'Conductive Music' to make STEAM links between Music, Science, Technology and Maths.

The choirs perform at local events including carol singing in local care homes, the Infant Music Festival, the Junior Music Festival at the Cliffs Pavilion, a local Christmas concert and we attend the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena in London.

Live musical experiences include Billy's Band, Tiny Music Orchestra, Music Day, Musical Mondays, drumming assembly, piano assembly and Rock Band recording. Where possible, teachers are also encouraged to play musical instruments during music teaching.

In the future

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

We intend to encourage all children to access the opportunity to learn an instrument. Those with financial hardship will be signposted to relevant funding.

Guitar and bass club will continue to run after school free of charge to all children. We are aiming to start a flute club to encourage children who learn in year 5 to continue.

We will endeavour to find dedicated rehearsal space in all schools across the trust.

We will implement the introduction of a new curriculum plan.

Further information (optional)

Useful links for Parents:

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people/what-the-national-plan-for-music-education-means-for-children-and-young-people>

This is our local music hub where you can find information on instrumental lessons:

<https://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/>

School Website:

<https://www.northwickpark.essex.sch.uk/>