

Music Development Plan 2025-2026

The Department for Education has asked schools to publish a summary of their Music Development Plan on their website each academic year as part of their [National Plan for Music Education](#) (NPME).

The purpose of a Music Development Plan is to

- raise awareness of their music development plan
- promote the school music offer to parents and prospective parents
- give greater opportunity for schools and music hubs to work together



Key Information

Academic Year	2025-2026	Publication Date	September 2025	Review Date	July 2026
Music Lead	Jon Hood	SLT Link to Music	Mark Drury	Local Music Hub	Staffordshire

Core Requirements

The Department for Education's National Plan for Music Education is designed to run from 2022-2030 and sets the following core requirements for all schools:

1hr timetabled Music per week	✓	Instrumental and Vocal Lessons	✓	Choirs & Ensembles	✓
Performance Opportunities	✓	Spaces for Practice	✓	Key Stage Three Singing Progression	✓
Key Stage Three Listening Progression	✓	Key Stage Three Composing Progression	✓	Key Stage Three Performing Progression	✓
Opportunities in Bands	✓	Opportunities in Orchestra	✓	Live Music Experience	✓

Community Links

We interact with a wide range of local Music and Educational Organisations through each school year including:

- [Lichfield Arts](#)
- [Lichfield Cathedral](#)
- [National Youth Orchestra](#)
- [MusicShare](#)
- [Entrust](#)
- [Lichfield Festival](#)
- [Lichfield City Council](#)
- [Staffordshire Music Hub](#)

These connections support and enhance curriculum learning whilst also providing a wide range of performance opportunities for all abilities.

Curriculum Music

Focus	Success Criteria	Action	Resp	Resources	Deadline	Check	Evaluation / Impact
Curriculum Music		Annual review of external exam results - with progress checks through the academic year to secure good progress for all current students.	JHD	None	Sept 2025 Half-Termly		
<u>CONTEXT</u> Our school has a strong and vibrant Music curriculum that runs from 11-18 and it can be viewed here . All KS3 students have 1hour of Music teaching per week with a specialist Music teacher. The curriculum ranges from Africa Music to Hooks & Riffs, and Baroque Concerto to our Ukulele and Guitar Projects Our KS4 students can opt to take GCSE Music which is a mixture of academic study, composition and performance. Our Sixth Form students can opt to take A-Level Music as part of our Sixth Form Consortium arrangements.	The delivery of high-quality lessons for all cohorts so that observations, work scrutiny and student voice relay a positive and engaged picture. The delivery of strong outcomes in formal exams so that all students - whatever their context - can reach the next stage of their learning journey. The on-going development of our Music curriculum and provision so that students and staff make strong progress in their expertise, participation and enthusiasm.	Induction of new Music Department teacher into the departmental practices and offer. Creation of Class Support Plans to ensure all FSM, SEND and LAC children have targeted support to facilitate curriculum learning. Correlate extra-curricular and experience dates with curriculum teaching so that the acquisition of skills is mapped with opportunity to perform. Liaise with external Music partners - such as Lichfield Arts, Music Share and Entrust - to co-ordinate in school studies with community experiences. Review the proposed AAQ Music course for implementation in September 2026 Annual review of Music curriculum against the National Curriculum and national developments. Audit of music instruments and technical equipment to ensure all curricular provision can be effectively met. Map out a Monitoring & Development (MAD) schedule for 2026-2027 to enable the development and implementation of Music provision.	JHD JHD JHD JHD JHD JHD JHD JHD JHD	None None None None None None None None	Sept 2025 On-Going Sept 2025 On-Going Sept 2025 On-Going Sept 2025 On-Going Sept 2025 On-Going Oct 2025 June 2026 Sept 2025 June 2026		
		Notes The Music Department remains an integral part of our curriculum and a central pillar of school life.					

Extra-Curricular Music

Musical Experiences