

Music development plan summary: 2024/2025

[King David High School]

Music has a powerful and meaningful, educational value and countless studies have chartered the positive effect that music lessons have on student’s personal, social and academic progress. The Music Department aims to deliver on these findings through a range of practical and immersive musical experiences. King David School aims to foster young people who are curious, enthusiastic and have a genuine love of learning and we believe that music is a subject that should be enjoyed regardless of personal taste and preference. The curriculum and extra- curricular activities provide students with the opportunity to be actively involved in a broad range of musical engagement.

- All students at KS3 receive a one-hour weekly music lesson.
- All students have access to a range of instrumental and vocal lessons via visiting peripatetic staff.
- All students have the opportunity of joining the school choir, orchestra, guitar club, percussion ensemble, string group and keyboard club.
- All students have access to numerous rehearsal and individual practice spaces during lunchtimes and after school.
- Students are given the opportunity of performing in a termly performance, biannual musical and interhouse music competition.
- Future plans include providing opportunities to experience a live performance every year.
- Students are given the opportunity of working collaboratively with the on-site primary school.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
Date this summary was published	1 st September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	1 st July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mr CJ Rushworth
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr CJ Rushworth
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

The music curriculum at King David is designed to build students' knowledge of the elements of music and then exploring with increased depth through a variety of musical styles. Through the curriculum at KS3 we cover a diverse range of genres, styles and cultures with a view to expanding the musical horizons of our students. *We believe that music is a subject that should be enjoyed regardless of personal taste and preference whilst accessible to all students including disabled, PP and SEND. The curriculum which is based on the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021), has been designed to foster a deep understanding of music with active engagement in:*

- Practical musicianship: students learn to create good performances by evaluating their own work and the work of others. They will engage in both solo and ensembles across a wide range of instruments including keyboard, ukelele, classroom percussion and voice.
- Analytical skills: students will learn to appraise music through the development of listening skills in relation to key musical elements including tempo, dynamics, metre, rhythm, pitch, texture, timbre and structure.
- Creativity: students will be able to use their knowledge of how music is produced in order to create and compose music using live instruments and music technology.

Year 7/8 receive a 60 minute lesson every week

Year 9 receive a 60 minute lesson every 2 weeks.

At both GCSE and A Level, the curriculum is based on the Educas examination board and is designed to hone more academic skills whilst helping students to develop their musical prowess through various performance and composition projects.

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.

At King David we provide all students with additional opportunities to sing and play music, outside of normal lesson time via instrumental/vocal tuition and a full range of extra-curricular activities.

- Instrumental/Vocal tuition: weekly term time lessons are offered to all students who wish to pursue their interests or talents via an excellent team of visiting peripatetic staff. The music department offers individual and group lessons on the following;

Woodwind-Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon

Brass – Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tenor Horn

Strings- Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Guitar- Acoustic, Electric, Bass

Voice

The music department offers individual lessons only on:

Piano

Percussion-Drum Kit

The school has a limited selection of instruments for students to loan.

All tuition is charged via ParentPay at a cost of £100 for group tuition and £140 for individual lessons based on 10 lessons per term. The school heavily subsidises tuition fees and PP students receive free tuition.

- Extra-Curricular Activities: a wide range of activities are offered to students before school and during lunchtime including Year 7 Choir, Senior Choir, Sixth Form Vocal Ensemble, Orchestra, Keyboard club, Theory Club, Guitar ensemble and Percussion Group. Many students who have lessons outside school are also encouraged to take part in these activities. Various other student ensembles and rock bands are often formed on an ad hoc basis.
- The music department has a full range of music rooms and practice rooms for rehearsal space which are in full use during break and lunchtimes.
- The music department has a good selection of drum kits, pianos, keyboards and electronic amps etc for student use.
- The visiting peripatetic staff often lead extra-curricular ensembles.

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.

Musical Events and Performances at King David:

We aim to provide all our students from all year groups with a varied programme of musical events and opportunities. These include:

Termly musical evenings with opportunities for all individuals and ensembles to perform

Singing Day for Year 7 also collaborating with Year 6 with a performance for Year 5

Themed Concerts eg 'Yanomamo' collaborating with primary school

Biannual Musical with Primary School eg 'We Will Rock You' staged at an outside venue.

Interhouse Music Competition

The visiting peripatetic staff often help and support at musical events.

In the future

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

The Future

At King David we are committed to providing the best music curriculum and musical experiences for all our students. We are always looking to improve our provision and extend our musical experiences as creatively as possible.

In the future we are looking to

- Purchase more Djembe drums and Samba percussion
- Set up some informal lunch time concerts
- Increase more technology into the curriculum
- Link up with The Halle and BBC Phil Education Projects
- Boost GCSE and A Level numbers
- Investigate instrumental class teaching for one term for each Year 7 class via local music hub

We live by our philosophy that Music is for Everyone and should be fully inclusive.

Further information (optional)

Need to investigate local music hub opportunities.