

# Music development plan summary: Newcastle Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Tim Meacock
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Zena Chadwick
Name of local music hub	Entrust Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Entrust Music Service

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

Music is currently studied across Years 7 and 8 (rolling into 9 from September 2024). All pupils have Music as a timetabled curriculum lesson for 50 minutes a week. To ensure maximum opportunity this is delivered as a 1 hour 40 minutes lesson, once per fortnight.

We believe music should encourage engagement, and creativity in all students. It encourages and develops key skills such as leadership and teamwork, and can help teach diversity and equality. It is also a key subject to offer enrichment opportunities for pupils to help them see, hear, contribute and learn about music from all eras, genres and backgrounds.

At key stage three we offer a varied and challenging curriculum, covering a variety of genres and introducing pupils to a range of instruments. All students learn to read and perform from notation - both traditional and other, and compose using various mediums in a number of styles. We also develop student's use of musical language to discuss, appraise and compare music from all eras and traditions. In year 7 we focus on the elements of music and all students will learn to play the keyboard. In year 8 we build on

this knowledge and look to introduce the guitar. Students also have access to instrumental lessons and extra-curricular clubs and opportunities.

## **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.

Students are given the opportunity to take up peripatetic lessons in a range of instruments and vocals. These are offered as individual, paired or small groups. We also offer an afterschool vocals club. Students are loaned instruments by the music service free of charge. Students are offered opportunities to take part in vocal/choir sessions which are held at the weekend and are run by the music service, these are also free of charge. Some students that take peripatetic lessons are going through grade awards. All our peripatetic lessons are offered free of charge to pupil premium and SEND students. We also offer the FOYSM and Parent Direct charge for other students. We offer the full range of instruments but are main take up is Drums, Saxophone, Violin, Keyboard and Vocals. There is a dedicated practice room for the peripatetic lessons.

## **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 offered students the chance to visit professional concerts and workshops such as Martin James Bartlett. The students have also been to a range of pantomimes and local theatre trips. The workshops have been arranged by our local music service. The theatre trips have been arranged in house. All events have been free for all students to attend.

## **In the future**

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

Musical performances to be included in future school shows. We have increased our music provision to be taught for 50 minutes, once a week all year. This is a 100% increase on last academic year. We always welcome students to take up a new musical instrument and will have several students taking flute lessons.