



Fairlands Middle School

Music Development Plan

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Richard Wassall
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Rebecca Bennett
Name of local music hub	Somerset

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

Our music teaching is designed based on the national curriculum, and the model Curriculum for music.

Music is taught to all year groups in our school. In KS3 this is for one hour per week, and delivered by a specialist. In KS2 this is also taught weekly by the class teacher.

Our School delivers the Sing Up Curriculum, to KS2 pupils, in line with the National Curriculum for Music.

In KS3, we teach a combination of in-house lessons, and using materials from the Charanga programme, and online music technology programmes such as Bandlab.

All pupils have a range of taught experiences involving listening, analysis and music theory, and playing a variety of instruments.

Modules on ukulele and keyboards are taught to ensure all pupils are able to read music in treble and bass clef, and guitar tab, by the time they leave us.

Pupils will also have a chance to play as part of an ensemble regularly, and access a variety of performances. For example they may also play as part of a whole class Samba band, or Ukulele, or recorder ensemble.

We work closely with Somerset Music in order to enrich our music offer for all pupils.

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.

Our school offers music tuition, subsidised for some groups of students.

Lessons are available in

- Flute
- Voice
- Piano
- Brass
- Percussion
- Strings

Ensembles are available in Brass in particular and we have strong links with The Cheddar Valley Music Club, who rehearse weekly, including a number of pupils in school.

School choir, Ukulele Club and pop-up ensembles are available to all year groups are active in school, and are free of charge.

- Practise rooms are available for all pupils, and visiting peripatetic teaching staff.

Part C: Musical experiences

Other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Concerts are held throughout the year, and pupils are able to take part in 'Fairlands' got talent' annually.

Pupils are taken to visit some local performances, and are involved in music projects, most recently 'Jackdaws' Opera project and performance.

We also take part in joint concerts with the senior school and partner middle school locally.

We take pupils to Wells Cathedral for Christmas performances alongside other Somerset schools.

We sing and perform in small ensembles in the local church throughout the year.

In the future

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

We plan to develop the following aspects of our provision in the future

- Increased experience of live performance and concerts, in a range of genres
- Whole class ensemble teaching in year 5, to ensure pupils learn to read music as soon as possible on entry
- Introduction of more regular opportunities for singing across all year groups
- Visits in to explore a range of world music