

# Music development plan summary: Wodensborough Ormiston Academy

## Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers   | 2024- 2025   |
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| Name of the school music lead  | K.Charles    |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | NA           |
| Name of local music hub  | NA           |
| Name of other music education organisation(s)                                      | SIPS         |

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.

Our curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum.

Our students in KS3 are entitled to one hour of Music per week in both year 7 and 8 and in year 9 they are entitled to two hours per week where they have the opportunity to sing, play a range of instruments through solo performance, small ensembles and class ensemble. They learn to read notation, tablature and improvise using a variety of scales.

Our school pays for the SIPS music service who employ peripatetic teachers to support instrumental tuition, GCSE in class support and workshops ensemble and compositional work.

We offer GCSE Music this year and have offered BTEC and RSL qualifications in previous years. We also offer graded instrumental exams through our peripatetic teachers.

## 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.

Wodensborough offers 1-1 and small group instrumental tuition on electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, piano/keyboard, drum kit, woodwind, brass, string and vocals. Students can make progress on an instrument beyond the classroom and some equipment is available to loan out to enable all pupils to have opportunities beyond the classroom.

Instrumental lessons are subsidised by Wodensborough where the student is charged at £7 per lesson.

SIPS music service lends each student having instrumental lessons and instrument to take home to practice. The student can keep the instrument for the duration of them having lessons.

We offer band practice for every year group at lunch times. We also offer the booking out of rehearsal rooms to practice for their instrumental lessons.

We also have contact with splinter studio where students attend rock school and gives them the opportunity to rehearse together in bands with students from several schools in the borough enabling them to progress further in performance and composition having the opportunity to work with students of different ages and abilities.

In addition to the above – there are opportunities for all pupils to join in enrichment activities during the school day at Lunch times - 'The Big Choir' and 'music mastery' these extend to after school within the enrichment programme.

## 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 experiences

Opportunities are given for students to perform in termly music concerts, awards evenings, open evenings, assemblies and concerts outside of school such as West Bromwich library and Christmas concerts organised by SIPS.

Splinter studio put on concerts to showcase the work carried out at rock school on Tuesday evenings.

Last year year 10 were taken to watch WOA's got talent finals and this year our Music students will take part in this competition themselves.

Students have the opportunity every year to go to Ingestre Hall where they choose one of the arts to focus on and showcase their work on the final evening.

Trips to see live music concerts are offered each year.

## **In the future**

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

In the future, our music department would like to:

Enter competitions for a choir.

Give students more opportunities to go on trips related to musical experience

To attend more music concerts at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham Conservatoire.

Termly calendared school performance – celebration event

Increase the range of instruments available to students.