

# Music development plan summary: Deer Park School Overview

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Name of the school music lead	D. Smith
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Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service
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.

In KS3, students will have 2 Music lessons a fortnight during Year 7, and 2 lessons a fortnight during Year 8. Instrumentalists in Year 8 will have the opportunity to join a Year 8 Enrichment group to compliment the content covered in this lesson.

In Years 7 and 8, students will develop their musical skills and knowledge through schemes of work designed to develop both understanding and musical technique. Many lessons will also develop technology skills, with students making use of the software installed on the Apple Macs found in each room to produce and edit their work to a professional standard. Throughout the year, students will sing as well as perform, using a number of different instruments to perform and compose in a variety of different styles. Students will have the opportunity to perform as part of whole-class ensemble teaching throughout KS3, and also in a more formal setting through participation in school concerts.

### Topics covered in Year 7:

- Introduction to music and keyboard skills
- African Music

- Riffs & Hooks
- Axis of Awesome's Four Chord Song

### **Topics covered in Year 8:**

- Song writing
- Music & Art
- Dance Music
- Samba

### **KS4**

Year 9, 10 and 11 students have five hours of music education a fortnight.

KS4 students follow the AQA Music GCSE syllabus, with students focusing on composition, performance and the listening element of the course. Throughout the course, students will be exposed to different genres of music and asked to compose their own work in some of these styles. 60% of the AQA Music GCSE is coursework, so students will be working towards completing 2 compositions along with 2 performances throughout the duration of KS4.

Throughout the 3-year KS4 program, students will improve their understanding and competence with the 3 units that make up the GCSE:

- Understanding Music
- Performing Music
- Composing Music

## **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.

Outside of the classroom, students are able to sign up for lessons with a number of different instruments. Most of our instrument lessons are provided by Hampshire Music Service (HMS) staff, and take part throughout the school day. Instrument lessons usually last for 20 minutes and can be solo or paired with another student. Lessons currently cost £360 and for this, students are guaranteed to be offered at least 30 instrument lessons across the academic year. We also utilise the HMS scheme where instruments can be leased if needed.

Students who form their own groups and bands are welcome to book rehearsal space at breaktimes and after school. Practise rooms include drum kits, pianos and guitars, along with a number of amplifiers and microphones.

Additionally there are many opportunities for students to get involved in performances at Deer Park, and a range of extra curricular activities to get involved in.

Extra-curricular activities include Choir, Percussion ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and Ukulele club.

Opportunities to perform include:

- Christmas and Summer Concerts

- Year group assemblies
- Performances in the community
- Deer Park Music Festival
- Using our brand new busking site to perform during break times

## **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.

Throughout KS3, students will have the opportunity to take part in a number of workshops led by professional musicians in different disciplines, including percussion and vocal workshops. There are also opportunities to visit professional performance spaces, through our working relationship with Hampshire Music Service.

Despite still being in our early years, Deer Park has hosted a number of successful Christmas and Summer celebration evenings, allowing musicians the chance to perform to a live audience in our auditorium. Additionally, students have been given the chance to perform publicly in settings including a local care home and annually carol singing at a local garden centre.

## **In the future**

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

As the school expands, the extra curricular provisions will increase, with an orchestra and jazz band forming part of the offer to musicians.

The opportunity to perform in a number of different venues will be explored, including the opportunity to collaborate with other schools, both locally and nationally.