

Music development plan summary: Wenlock CE Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	August 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Mr. Belgrave
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr. Belgrave, Mrs S. Ayres.
Name of local music hub	Luton Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Vision

At Wenlock CE Academy, our goal is to nurture a life-long love of music in all our pupils by fostering a vibrant musical atmosphere. Through a diverse range of high-quality musical experiences, we aim to engage and inspire our pupils. Central to our music curriculum are the values of creativity, curiosity, and excitement, alongside the development of self-confidence, self-esteem, and collaborative skills.

We are committed to establishing a curriculum where musical sound is the foundation, offering a progressive pathway tailored to each child's journey. Music opportunities at Wenlock CE Academy will also support pupils' mental health, providing a valuable outlet for emotional expression.

Our program encompasses a comprehensive approach where children will:

- Perform: Encourage regular performances to build confidence and stage presence.
- Listen and Analyse: Develop critical listening skills and the ability to analyse various musical genres and styles.
- Sing: Foster vocal skills and an understanding of pitch, tone, and harmony.
- Improvise and Compose: Inspire creativity through improvisation and composition, allowing students to explore their musical ideas.

- Understand Musical Elements: Teach the fundamental building blocks of music, such as rhythm, melody, harmony, and dynamics.

Through these experiences, we aim to cultivate a deep appreciation for music and its role in personal and social development.

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.

Music is taught in each class for at least one hour a week throughout the year by the Music Specialist Teacher. For the academic year 2024-2025 the school will be using the Kapow Music scheme .

Lessons are split into evaluating different styles and genres of music.

Music is inclusive for all learners.

Music is taught consistently for every year group every week across the year and is within every timetable.

KS2 music continues to build learning in small, incremental steps. Pupils develop their playing with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Listening develops aural memory and children develop an understanding of the history of music by using the learning timeline to place and sequence pieces, spotting links between them and seeing the history of music develop.

SEND pupils are given opportunities to participate fully in all music lessons and each child's needs are taken into consideration when delivering music lessons.

Children are taught to play a wide variety of instruments including recorder, ukulele and percussion.

Children are taught to read sheet music and chord boxes.

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.

A peripatetic teacher visits the school once a week to teach groups of children the violin, guitar and cello. These sessions focus on developing basic to intermediate violin skills, fostering a love for string instruments, and providing personalised instruction to enhance each student's progress.

The school music lead also teaches the choir once a week, where pupils learn vocal techniques, harmonisation, and a diverse repertoire of songs. This helps to improve their singing abilities and confidence in performing as part of an ensemble.

Recorder lessons are conducted once a week by the class teacher. These lessons introduce children to wind instruments, teaching them fundamental music theory, finger positioning, and breath control, which lay the foundation for future musical learning.

Children are encouraged to bring their own instruments from home to school. The Music Specialist Teacher is available to tune, restring, and occasionally repair stringed instruments, ensuring they are in good playing condition.

Additionally, children who have instruments at home can receive printed materials from class lessons to practise at home. This provides them with the resources to reinforce their learning outside of school hours and to continue developing their musical skills independently.

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.

Each year group will perform once a year, with events covering Easter, Christmas, Harvest, and an end-of-year production. These performances will provide children with the chance to showcase their musical and theatrical skills, celebrating their achievements with parents, teachers, and peers.

At the end of each music module, every class will have the opportunity to perform in front of their peers. This allows students to demonstrate what they have learned, build confidence in public performance, and receive constructive feedback.

Annual Christmas performances will be held at Luton Airport and local nursing homes, where students will sing carols. This event not only spreads festive cheer but also gives students the experience of performing in a public setting.

Children will have the chance to participate in the Young Voices event at the O2 Arena, a prestigious opportunity that allows them to perform as part of a large choir, enhancing their musical experience and exposure to a professional performance environment.

The choir will also have the opportunity to perform at the Singing Spectacular festival, providing them with a platform to showcase their talents and interact with other choirs, further enriching their musical journey.

In the future

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

Introduce a new music scheme for the start of the new academic year by integrating the Kapow programme. This scheme will provide structured and engaging music lessons designed to enhance students' musical skills and knowledge.

Commence free, regular after school music clubs led by the Music Specialist Teacher, offering students additional opportunities to explore and develop their musical abilities in a more informal setting. These clubs will cater to a range of interests and skill levels, ensuring inclusivity and broad participation.

Throughout the year, create numerous opportunities for students to showcase their musical learning. This will include performances of pieces learned during regular music lessons, lunchtime clubs, and from sessions with external providers. These performances will be held at school assemblies, community events, and special concerts, giving students the chance to experience live performance and gain confidence in their musical abilities.

Further information (optional)

The Music Specialist Teacher regularly attends meetings with the Luton Music Service to ensure the school's music programme is delivered effectively. During these meetings, the teacher collaborates with Luton Music Service professionals to discuss best practices, address any challenges, and stay updated on the latest educational strategies. Additionally, the teacher gathers innovative ideas and resources to enhance the implementation of music education in the school, ensuring a dynamic and comprehensive musical experience for all students.

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