

Music development plan summary: Kingsbury Green Academy

Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2024-2025 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Thomas Renfree |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Melanie Collingbourne |
| Name of local music hub | GSW Music Hub |
| 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

Model Music Curriculum at Kingsbury Green Academy- we follow a curriculum which broadly echoes that of the model music curriculum (March 2021) but is developed to include up-to-date changes in the industry, class sizes, teacher specialisms and equipment.

- Year 7: 3 hours a fortnight timetabled music lessons
- Year 8 and 9: 2 hours a fortnight timetabled music lessons

Our curriculum includes the following, which are mentioned specifically by the non-statutory guidance:

- Singing
- Listening and appraising
- Composing
- Performing/Instrumental Performance
- Keyboard Skills, Ukulele, Guitar and Drumming
- Class instrumental ensembles

- Staff and tab notation
- Song writing
- Programme Music- Instruments of the Orchestra
- Improvisation
- Digital Audio Workstation
- Music cultures and different musical styles

Musical Opportunities in class at Kingsbury Green Academy include:

- In class keyboard/piano lessons throughout Y7-9
- In class opportunities to try other instruments including drums, guitar, bass and ukulele.

These opportunities for performance and instrumental/vocal work happen almost every lesson either as a solo, a pair or a group . Pupils are directed in a range of ways:

- using sheet music
- asked to build on a stimulus of a short melody or chords
- taught in one large group
- rehearsed independently in small groups using practice rooms.

Musical Partnerships:

GSW Music Hub

Calne Music and Arts Festival

Further qualifications include:

GCSE Music

BTEC Music Tech Award

CTEC in Performing Arts.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Music Tuition and clubs:

- One-to-one lessons of 30 minutes or 30 minutes shared lessons taught on a range of instruments.
- Voice
- Guitar, Bass Guitar and Ukulele
- Trumpet and Trombone
- Piano
- Violin and Cello

- Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone

Lessons are offered at a 50% subsidy, if students have SEND, and lessons are offered at 70% subsidy, if pupils are in receipt of the PP grant. In addition, and depending on individual circumstances, lessons may be funded by the school.

- Clubs are run by teachers or, in the case of specialist instruction, they are taught by peripatetic teachers funded by the school. There is no cost to parents/carers.

These include:

- SATB Choir
- Clarinet Group
- Brass band
- Rock band

We have several rehearsal spaces:

- 4 Practice rooms
- 1 Studio/DJ room
- 1 Ensemble room with 15 computers with Cubase
- 2 Classrooms which are used for clubs and teacher-led groups

Part C: Musical experiences

In school performance opportunities:

- Festive Concert (Term 1/2)
- Spring Concert (Term 3/4)
- Army Band Careers insight day for Year 7 (Term 5/6)
- House Music Competition (Term 5/6)
- School Musical (Term 5/6)
- Calne Music and Arts festival primary concert (October 2025)

External Events:

Birmingham Symphony Orchestra KS3 Concert (Trip for Y9)

In the future

This is what the KGA Music Department is planning for subsequent years:

- Music Technology: we are continuously updating and upgrading our computer room with new software and equipment. This year, we have purchased Cubase and Soundtrap for our KS4/KS5 students. In the future, we would like to trial Bandlab with all KS3 students and purchase new Midi Connectors.
- Instrumental Lessons: we are expanding the current offering of musical instruments for individual tuition to include a wider range of instruments, depending on student requests and availability of peripatetic teachers.
- Additional clubs: ideas include combining our current wind band and brass band to make a concert band.
- We are looking into additional opportunities for students to experience music outside of school in KS3.