

Music development plan summary: Hodge Hill Girls School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Sarah Terry
Name of local music hub	Birmingham Music Hub

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.

Key Stage three:

At Key Stage three students in year 7 have weekly one hour music lessons and Year 8-9 have one hour every two weeks with a music specialist. The music department is equipped with some instruments and technology for use in lessons.

The Key Stage three curriculum is broad and balanced, and students successfully learn and develop the skills needed for performing, composing, listening, and appraising to form a deep musical toolbox in which to use in their work. The curriculum covers a wide range of musical styles and genres including: 'the great composers,' popular music, and world music. The curriculum is in part informed by the model music curriculum and adapted to the unique learning environment of Hodge Hill Girls.

Students develop their instrumental and vocal skills through a wide range of topics and activities. They also use music technology to enable them to compose their own music.

Students benefit from musical partnerships with professional organisations such as Ex Cathedra and B:Music, with their resources being used in curricular and co-curricular activities.

Key stage 4

Unfortunately for 2024 – 2025 there is no KS4 course running.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Instrumental lessons are offered to a selected number of students in Year's 8 & 9, free of charge. They will be taught by the Lead specialist to learn piano, singing, guitar, drums. These lessons will be delivered as small group sessions.

The music department includes a main music studio and a practice room, and allocated times are given for students to practice and develop their music.

From September there will be two music clubs running – Choir and Keyboard Club which will be available for all KS3 students.

Part C: Musical experiences

There is a widening range of musical performances and experiences offered free of charge to all students at Hodge Hill Girls. These include:

- KS3 solo and ensemble performances in their 'talent show' project
- Opportunities to perform and watch performances in celebration assemblies
- Performances taking place in whole school theme days such as culture day and Well Being Day's.

In the future

In the future the music department hopes to:

- Further enhance the learning environment of the music department, including creating more practice space for students to develop their skills
- Continue to embed use of music technology and composition work within the taught curriculum
- Encourage and support more students to take part in the wealth of music making activities in Birmingham outside school
- Extend partnerships with feeder schools
- Develop an instrument loan scheme for instrumental students
- Trips to various musical locations
- Performing in local communities in supermarket/public places for charities
- Apply for funding through 'Music for all' to enhance the technology within the music department and purchase whole class instruments.
- Achieve an ongoing class KS4 for Music.