

Music development plan summary: Springfield School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Joanne Latif
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Joanna Goodship
Name of local music hub	Portsmouth Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s)	Portsmouth Music Academy

This document is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular provision, and musical experiences – and what we are planning to do in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents and carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This section 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.

Key Stage 3

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 have one Music lesson (1 hour) each week. The curriculum reflects the aims of the National Curriculum for Music and is heavily focused on learning about and interacting with the elements of music.

Pupils' learning takes place as practically and as musically as possible. Understanding of the elements of music, and theoretical and subject knowledge (including key vocabulary and musical notation closely aligned to the Model Music Curriculum, March 2021) are developed through performing, composing,

From time to time we welcome external professional musicians and music educators, often organised via Portsmouth Music Hub, to work on classroom-based projects, or to deliver workshops to groups of pupils.

Key Stage 4

All pupils in Year 9 have one Music Cultural Studies lesson (1 hour) each week for about 10 weeks of the year as part of a rotation with Art, Drama and REP. This is in addition to the GCSE allocation for pupils who have chosen Music as an option. Pupils can opt to study Music at GCSE level from year 9 and follow the Eduqas GCSE qualification. Pupils who choose to opt for Music GCSE have two (1 hour) Music lessons every week in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Further information about the school's Music curriculum is published on the school website:
[Music Learning Journey](#) - Key Stage 3 and 4 curriculum content, skills and knowledge overview
[Options Booklet](#) - Key Stage 4 GCSE specification overview

Access for SEND pupils

The Music department follows the whole school policies in place to support SEND pupils and staff are kept informed of individuals' learning needs via SEND plan documents. Teaching is adapted responsively to cater for all pupils' learning needs to allow all to access the curriculum at an appropriate level, and to experience the highest possible levels of success. Strategies are wide ranging and often include, for example, the use of differentiated repertoire, notations/playing by ear and technical challenges, scaffolding, peer/staff support.

Further information about how the school is increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND) is published on the school website:
[School Accessibility Policy](#) - Access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability.
[School SEND Policy](#)

All pupils are welcome to come and use the departmental facilities for their own music making projects, and to practise individually or in groups during scheduled break and lunch times. These opportunities are open to pupils in all year groups, whether or not they have taken GCSE Music.

Springfield supports the out-of-school, extra-curricular offers made via the Portsmouth Music hub, and promotes these to pupils and parents as they occur. Pupils' participation and achievements in extracurricular activities are frequently celebrated in the Springfield News.

Part C: Musical experiences

This section is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as performing in concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

In addition to musical experiences for pupils organised by school staff, we take advantage of opportunities organised by the [Portsmouth Music Hub](#) and sometimes draw on the expertise of other professional musicians and providers.

These experiences offer pupils taking part (and sometimes those who are not performing, but who are in the audience) the chance to enjoy live performances, listening to, or playing/singing alongside performers from other schools, as well as more advanced and professional musicians.

Planned experiences for 2025-26 currently include:

- Musical Singing Showcase concert (open to all years)
- Community Festive singing
- School production (open to all years)
- Year 7 Singing Competition event (whole cohort)
- Year 8 Singing Competition event (whole cohort)
- Year 8 percussion workshops

In addition, there are frequent opportunities for pupils to perform music

Staff routinely work on developing and delivering the highest quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the relevant, key features in the [National Plan for Music Education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week for pupils in Key Stage 3
- offer a GCSE Music course to pupils in Key Stage 4
- provide access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- offer opportunities to be part of a school choir or vocal ensemble
- offer opportunities to be part of a school ensemble, band or group
- provide space for rehearsals and individual practice outside of lesson time
- continue to provide a number of opportunities per term for pupils to perform
- provide pupils with the opportunity to experience and enjoy live performances

Further information

To find out more about our local music hub, including information on how pupils can join one of their free musical ensembles, please click here:

[Portsmouth Music Hub](#)

To find out more about our local music tuition academy, including information on how to sign up for our after-school music lessons, please click here:

[Portsmouth Music Academy](#)

To read more information published by the Department for Education please click here:

[National Plan for Music Education](#)

[Guide for Parents and Young People](#)

[Secondary Music Poster</](#)