

Music development plan summary: Royds Hall A Share Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025- 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Danielle Dunn
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Heidi Middleton - Head of the Creative Arts Department
Name of local music hub	Kirklees Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	MUSICA

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 Performing Arts, year 7 will explore the elements of Music and learn how to read and write music and play the keyboard and Ukulele. They also look at different elements within Musical theatre, where they learn how to sing collaboratively. Year 8 students will revisit musical theatre to deepen their knowledge in this area. Students will learn about African music and learn how to play the African drums using different beats and rhythms.

We run an extra-curricular Choir club for students who are passionate about Music and are interested to perform in upcoming shows.

In addition to this, students are also able to study graded music exams throughout KS3 and KS4 through additional lessons with musica who we are in partnership with.

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.

Royds Hall offers 1-1 Music tuition through Musica in vocal training, strings, brass and keyboard. All students have the opportunity to sign up for these lessons at the start of each academic year.

In addition to this, we run a choir that is open for all pupils to join. Pupils will have the opportunity to perform at showcases and events such as open evening.

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.

We run annual showcases where students have the opportunity to perform to a live audience and be a part of a live production. Students also have the opportunity to perform at upcoming School events such as Celebrations assembly, open evening, options evening and year 6 transition days.

In the future

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

To continue to drive the music curriculum forward within the Performing Arts Curriculum. To include more Schemes of work within the year 9 Performing Arts Curriculum with a focus of composing and performing.

The Performing Arts Curriculum plans are live documents and will continue to be developed over time to ensure a broad, balanced and spiralling curriculum. We aim to give students the opportunity to learn a range of different music genres, cultures and time periods.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Musica Kirklees: [Musica Kirklees](#)

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