

# Music development plan summary: Wood Green Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 26
Date this summary was published	September 25
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 26
Name of the school music lead	Ms J Newman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss R Donaghie
Name of local music hub	Sips Education Music and Arts
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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 across KS3 and 4.

- KS3 – Curriculum time is one hour per week. The KS3 curriculum is based on the national curriculum and has also been informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021)
- KS4 – Curriculum time is five hours per fortnight. Students study GCSE Music OCR Board.

Curriculum – see link to our [curriculum plan](#).

Students having lessons on an instrument can also study for instrumental exams in their individual instrument if they so wish.

## 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.

Students have the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments outside of the curriculum. We have small group and individual lessons on drum kit, guitar, piano/keyboard, voice, brass, strings and woodwind. During these lessons students can study for instrumental exams if they wish.

All students who choose Music as an option at KS4 and all PP students across all key stages receive free Music tuition. Non PP students as KS3 are charged £25 per term for a minimum of 10 lessons. If the year is paid in full in September, then the cost is currently £60.

Lunchtime extra-curricular activities include:

- Choir
- Guitar Group
- Rock and Pop Group
- Keyboard Club

Students are also able to use the practice rooms for their own rehearsals – either group rehearsals or individual.

Sandwell Music and Arts service also provide many ensembles that students can join outside of school hours. That includes rock and pop groups at splinter studios. Website links are in the further information section.

## 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.

Music concerts planned for the academic year 2025 – 26

- Christmas Concert (for all year groups)
- KS4 recital evening (KS4 students only)
- Easter Concert (for all year groups)

During the academic year 2024 – 25 we also provided the following experiences for our students:

Year 7 – In February a trip to Symphony Hall in Birmingham to see the 'Schools Concert' put on by the CBSO (City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra). This was for

all year 7 students and provided by the school free of charge for all students. A voluntary £5 donation was requested if parents/carers were able to contribute.

Talent Show – July 2025. All of year 7 watched this show.

## In the future

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

### **Curriculum Music**

At KS3, curriculum music is taught for one hour a week. The KS3 curriculum is continually reviewed and updated and now includes more time for singing and learning to play an instrument (keyboard). The year 9 curriculum helps students to develop the practical skills needed in preparation for the step up to GCSE.

### **Co-Curricular Music**

As well as using Sandwell Music Services for music tuition, Mr Dawes, employed by the school, has also supported the music department over the past 3 years. This has meant the number of students receiving music tuition has increased in guitar and piano.

We aspire to grow the numbers of students in our clubs as well as retaining the students we have already attending by reviewing the repertoire and updating the clubs available to students.

### **Musical Experiences**

Students have had some opportunities to see live performance in the last academic year. We plan to continue to take advantage of any live performances available for schools, but also to look at more opportunities for students to see our own musicians performing.

## Further information

Sandwell Music and Arts: <https://www.sips.co.uk/our-solutions/music-and-arts/>

Splinter Studios <https://splinter-studios.com/>

We received from Sandwell and Arts in July 2024 the '**John Thomson Secondary Music School of the Year**' award for 2023/2024