

Music development plan summary: ST Margaret's School

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Lucy Staite and Nicola Revell
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	/
Name of local music hub	SIPS Music Sandwell
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady Music School

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.

St. Margaret's is proud of the music provision in place. We have timetabled music lessons in all year groups as well as music appreciation in our collective worship.

We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations and assessments.

The Charanga topics include the following strands of Music:

- Musicianship
- Listening
- Singing
- Notation
- Playing instruments
- Creating: composing
- Creating: improvising

- Performing

Playing musical instruments is at the heart of the lessons: the children start playing tuned and untuned instruments from EYFS and continue to progressively develop their instrumental and ensemble skills all the way through to Year 6, preparing them for their transition into KS3. Selected year groups also enjoy playing whole class instruments, such as recorders and handbells, to widen their opportunities of exploring making music in a variety of ways.

Music lessons explore many styles of global music: African, East Asian, Calypso, Samba and European Classical, as well as popular styles such as Rap/Hip Hop, Soul/Funk, Disco and Rock music. Music is planned and delivered to be inclusive for all students, ensuring every child can access music making in a fun, supportive and developing manner.

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.

At St. Margaret's we are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills.

We have a wide range of songs included in and performed during our collective worship and services. The children take part with confidence and enthusiasm.

We have an extensive range of music tuition available via our Sandwell Music Hub, with a wide variety of instruments being learnt, these include; violins, clarinets, euphoniums, and trumpets. These are offered to children in Year 3 to Year 6.

Lessons are charged at £7.60 per week, which includes the loan of an instrument. Those children eligible for Pupil Premium are offered lessons at a reduced rate and some are fully funded. When ready children are encouraged to work towards music exams and music medals. During the summer term we hold a musical showcase with the support of our local music hub. This provides a valuable opportunity for the children to play their instruments to an audience.

For those children who love to sing, we run a school choir for children in Key Stage 2. This is led by our music leads. The choir perform at end of term church services and at other special school events.

At St. Margaret's School, all pupils are offered the opportunity to learn musical instruments through access to Rocksteady Music School. Peripatetic music teachers teach pupils to play instruments as a band. Pupils can choose from the drums, keyboard, guitar, bass guitar or singing. They take part weekly in ensemble lessons. This is a non-exam based musical education, however, children can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated, Trinity Music

qualification. Our partnership with Rocksteady Music brings an exciting dimension to our music provision. These sessions are highly engaging and allow pupils to explore different genres of music, fostering creativity, confidence and enthusiasm. The hands-on experience with modern instruments also helps to keep pupils motivated and interested in their musical development. Individual instrumental and Rocksteady sessions are funded by parents. However, for those children who are identified as Pupil Premium, these lessons can be funded by the Pupil Premium Provision.

Throughout the year our children enjoy taking part in Christmas productions, music performances and singing within class worship which are performed to parents and peers.

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 also offer numerous performance opportunities for our students. Our choir performs at school church services at St Margaret's Church and other events. Additionally, we host performances by our Rocksteady Bands and children receiving instrument tuition through our local music hub, where students showcase their talents to the whole school and parents. These performances provide students with a platform to express themselves and gain confidence in their abilities.

Seasonal performances are another highlight of our music programme. In the Autumn term. We have nativity performances, which brings the school community together to celebrate the festive season. Similarly, our KS2 students participate in a carol concert, where they perform at church. These events not only celebrate students' musical achievements but also strengthen community bonds.

Our Year 6 students have the opportunity to participate in an end-of-year service, performing with musical accompaniment and vocals.

Being within the Lichfield Diocese enables the school to have links with Lichfield Cathedral. KS2 children have taken part in Music Share Concerts with other schools, performing in the Cathedral, and experiencing Evensong, sung by the Cathedral Choristers.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we are planning to build on our music progress by reevaluating the current curriculum to upskill in-line with the model music curriculum. We are going to continue to develop children's composition skills and the notation of this. We will continue to

develop a school choir and children's performance skills with more opportunities to perform throughout the year, with our local music hub and in the community. We would love to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances, encouraging visiting musicians and developing a strong pupil voice. Furthermore, we will continue to provide our staff with CPD to continue to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.