

Music development plan summary: *Avanti Grange Secondary School*



Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Oliver Day
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Madeleine Roy
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service

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.

Avanti Grange Secondary School provides a broad and varied Music curriculum for Key Stage 3, which is designed to challenge and engage students' creative skills, impart knowledge of different genres and styles of music, and foster a love of performing, composing, and listening to different types of music.

Music at Key Stage 3 is taught over three 50-minute lessons over a two-week timetable. Students are taught in form groups. Each unit is taught over a half-term, with six different units of work in a school year. Students work towards a final performance/composition in each half term, and develop their skills using keyboards, singing, ukulele, guitar, hand and mallet percussion, and music sequencing

technology. Students are formally assessed twice a year, and their most recent performance/composition grade is taken into consideration for this assessment.

7	African Traditional Music	Singing	Keyboard Skills	Ukulele	Instruments of the Orchestra	Piano Composition
8	Reggae	Classical Music	Composing with Different Musical Structures	Guitar	Latin American Music	Band
9	Music Production & Sequencing	Blues	Film, Theatre, and Video Game Music	Pop Music	Performance/Composition Project	Performance/Composition Project

Next academic year, the school will begin to teach Key Stage 4 Music in line with the Eduqas specification. This in turn should lead us to be able to run a Key Stage 5 music course in the future, with the specification still to be decided.

The Music Department follows the SEND policy for the whole school, which can be found [here](#). However, we assess the individual needs of students within our department and adjust these access supports as necessary to allow all students equitable access to our Music Curriculum.

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.

We currently work with Hertfordshire Music Service, who have a broad range of instruments which students can learn as part of individual, shared, or group lessons. The instruments available are:

- Piano
- Drum Kit
- Guitar
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Violin
- Viola

- Cello
- Singing

Current fees for these lessons can be found [here](#). Pupil premium students are eligible for lessons on one chosen instrument, fully funded by the school. We currently have 20 students taking instrument lessons across the selection offered, with 13 more currently on our waiting list. We have recently come to an agreement for full funding pupil premium students, with around 15-20 starting lessons in the Spring term.

Within the academic year, Avanti Grange offers the following music co-curricular activities:

- Choir
- Guitar Ensemble

Students do not need to audition to take part and can join even if they are a beginner with no experience. Access to the groups is free of charge.

Students can access the music department during Thursday and Friday lunchtimes, and have the capacity to use either of the two classrooms. Alternatively, they can book one of our six practice rooms. As the school grows, this provision will expand.

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 currently have the following performance opportunities at Avanti Grange:

- Christmas Concert
- Summer Concert
- Battle of the Bands
- Lunchtime Concerts

This year we are running our first musical (Little Shop of Horrors), with a great uptake from students across KS3.

In the future

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

We are a developing school, and have ambitious plans for the Music department as we expand. With the introduction of new staff, our KS3 curriculum will be strengthened

even further with new insight and expertise. We intend to roll out a comprehensive KS4 curriculum, which leads to running a KS5 music course. We will also develop our peripatetic provision as the school grows, and introduce new co-curricular groups. This will include string, woodwind, and brass groups, which will lead to an orchestra, wind band, and jazz band.

As we grow, we will offer experiences of trips to concerts and theatre shows, in addition to further performance opportunities in the school, local community, and beyond. We would also like to foster strong partnerships with our local feeder schools, by bringing ensembles to perform and give workshops to students.