

Music development plan summary: The Chantry School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/5
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs M Masters
Name of additional music teachers	Mrs C Foster
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs M Palmer
Name of local music hub	Severn 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.

We offer a practical curriculum of weekly 1-hour lessons for KS3 at years 7-9. Students study 3 project cycles per year, and these are a mix of instrumental skills, vocal skills and music technology-based projects. The topics and concepts covered include film music, composition, performance work -guitar workshop, vocal projects, use of Music Technology and 12 bar blues.

At KS4 we offer OCR GCSE music full 2-year course.

Full details of the curriculum offer at both KS3 and KS4 are available on our website at the link below:

KS3: [KS3 Curriculum – Chantry School](#)

KS4: [options-booklet-2024.pdf \(chantryschool.com\)](#)

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.

Young people can be found in the Music Department before school, during school, during break, during lunch, and after school. The Music Department contributes significantly to the wider school curriculum and supports open events and awards evenings by showcasing the good practice of our student body. Our students are dedicated and passionate about music. For many young people the Music Department is more than just a place of learning – it is a place of belonging.

Extra-curricular activities provide opportunities for students to participate in groups and bands. Our ethos encourages active involvement in different forms of amateur music making, developing a sense of group identity and togetherness – our Chantry Music community.

These include:

- Rock School – after school club for students wanting to join or for a band.
- School Production – This year: “We Will rock You”. Previous years: Hairspray, Buggy Malone, Grease, Back to the 80s and many more.
- Lunchtime clubs- independent, group and teacher led workshops.
- Fun Friday tutor group sessions allow tutor groups to work together vocally with Music teacher guidance.
- School organised talent shows promote participation in music across the school.
- Battle of the Bands promotes confidence in musical performance, as well as risk taking and collaboration.
- Dharma Day promotes diversity with the inclusion of traditional Hindu music.
- GCSE support sessions
- Vocal groups
- Instrument lessons

Music clubs are open to all students in the school and are free of charge. The clubs are structured and run by experienced members of the music department team. Students can participate in a wide range of these activities as they are timetabled to allow cross-over.

Instrumental tuition outside of the curriculum is available on a range of instruments provided by our team of visiting peripatetic staff. Parents and carers can contact the Head of Music to set up lessons:

Email to: mmasters@chantryschool.com

We have a suite of practice rooms within the music department, which are available to students during break and lunchtimes (as well as breakout spaces for curriculum lessons). We have a well-equipped teaching room which support our instrumental/vocal and music technology lessons. We also have a large school hall with a stage, PA system and stage lighting for our shows and performances such as Battle of the Bands, The Talent Show and school productions.

We have a recording studio within the music department and several mixing desks and Apple Mac computers. This is used by pupils to record performances and composition work.

Part C: Musical experiences

We usually put on a large-scale musical/show every 1 to 2 years, as a whole Performing Arts collaboration with Drama and Music. These shows are open to all students in the school, including many musicians, singers, dancers, actors, backstage and sound/lighting. We are very fortunate to have an endless supply of volunteers! We charge a small fee for tickets to cover the license and show expenses.

We host competitions in the Autumn and Summer terms. The Talent Show is a highlight at Christmas with rounds of auditions and a final show in front of an expert judging panel. We also provide voting slips for the audience!

Our Battle of the Bands contest takes place in the summer term. This usually involves bands from all year groups with inventive names such as Stardust, Bliss, Knights of Iron and Spitfire amongst many others.

Our hall also hosts primary school music days where local Primary age students come to The Chantry to enjoy a day of music making and fun! We also participate in Hindu day with world drumming sessions provided by outside school professional group Drum Love.

In the future

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

As previously referred to, a priority is to develop vocal opportunities across the school. The first step in developing the school's singing programme will be implemented in the Autumn term. MM will visit each year 7 tutor group to run a vocal session. This will then culminate in a performance at the year group assembly. Creating a buzz in year 7 should then generate further interest in school vocal groups. This input into year 7 will then be replicated across Key Stage 3 in all years during the academic year.

Links across the Heart of Mercia MAT will also be developed to create further opportunities for pupils to experience different musical genres and participate in enrichment activities. In October 2024 a curriculum collaboration session is planned at the MAT CPD event. Pupils from The Chantry will also visit WSFC to participate in a musical production. WSFC staff will also visit The Chantry to run workshops across the performing arts.

Following the success of Dharma Day curriculum planning sessions will also consider building connections with other subject areas to facilitate joint projects (e.g. enrichment week activities)