Music development plan summary: Graveney School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Ms C. King
Name of local music hub	Wandsworth Music

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.

The school aims to engage and inspire pupils through a high-quality music curriculum which supports a lifelong love of music.

At Key Stage 3, the curriculum has been carefully sequenced to incorporate elements of the Model Music Curriculum. All Key Stage 3 pupils receive one hour of classroom music per week and follow a varied curriculum, which includes performance (both singing and instrumental learning), composition, and listening and appraising. Over 10% of pupils in each year group gain the GCSE qualification, and results have been consistently high. Pupils can take A level Music in the Sixth Form, with around 3% doing so and a large proportion of those pupils going on to study music at university. Pupils with SEND are supported through personalised teaching strategies and close liaison with the SEND department.

More able pupils are identified in Year 7 through an aptitude test and then further auditions. A small number in each year are then invited to become scholars and follow a fast-track academic programme. This begins in Year 8 and enables them to complete the GCSE in Year 10 and an A Level preparation course in Year 11, before going on to study A Level Music in Year 12 and 13.

More information about the Music curriculum offer can be found here: https://www.graveney.org/Curriculum-Offer/

Part B: Extra-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.

All pupils have the opportunity to learn an instrument via one-to-one lessons throughout the school day. Peripatetic teachers offer instrumental tuition for piano, organ, guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, orchestral percussion, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, violin, viola, cello, double bass, voice, theory and composition. Instruments are available for hire and the school encourages pupils to buy their own instruments through the Assisted Purchase Scheme. Around 15% of pupils have lessons in school, with about 3% learning more than one instrument. All lessons are subsidised by the school, with a heavier subsidy available to Pupil Premium pupils, as well as those pursuing academic music through GCSE and A Level, and those recognised as benefitting from additional financial support.

A provision of 10 practice rooms allows one-to-one lessons to take place, as well as a space for pupils to practise and rehearse in their free time.

A range of extra-curricular activities are run by music teachers and peripatetic instrumental staff, including six choirs (Junior Girls Choir, Junior Boys Choir, Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, A Cappella Choir, and Soul Jazz Singers), Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Senior Concert Band, Junior Concert Band, Jazz Band, Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Senior Guitars, Junior Guitars, Graveney Grooves, Drumming Ensemble, Bands Club, and Music Tech Club. These are all completely free for pupils to attend, and most are not auditioned.

More information about the extra-curricular provision can be found here: https://www.graveney.org/Music/

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.

There are performance opportunities via termly large-scale and chamber concerts, additional genre-based concerts, such as Gig Night, a performing arts festival week, a ‘Young Musician’ competition and many other performance opportunities at both music and non-music school events, such as presentation evenings.

We work closely with Wandsworth Music and participate in several of their performances, including two annual concerts at the Fairfield Halls and Royal Albert Hall. A number of our pupils attend their Saturday school, which involves individual instrumental tuition, ensemble rehearsals and concert performances, as well as those

offered by other local borough music hubs. Several pupils are enrolled in weekly junior programmes at the Royal College of Music, Royal Academy of Music and Guildhall School of Music & Drama, or attend one-off workshops run by these institutions.

Musical theatre is an integral part of the music department, and musical theatre trips are offered annually. The music department works alongside the drama department to put on a lower school musical in the summer term, and a sixth form musical theatre society presents a student-run and -produced show every spring term.

The music department seeks out discounted tickets and aims for all Music Scholars and Key Stage 4/5 pupils to attend a live professional concert at least once per year.

A small fee or donation is requested for most music events, which goes towards the resources required to run this provision.

In the future

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

We aim to expand our instrumental provision, to allow more pupils to learn ‘rare’ instruments, such as organ, harp and bassoon.

We are always looking for ways to increase the diversity and inclusion of our provision, and support Pupil Premium pupils to engage with, and commit to, both curricular and extra-curricular music in school.

Our long-term ambition is to have a purpose-built music department, with professional-standard facilities.

Further information

We run a ‘Friends and Supporters’ scheme, which allows parents, carers and staff to support us, either by volunteering at events, or by giving financially. This scheme has enabled us to develop our instrumental stock and allows us to offer bursaries for instrumental lessons and attendance on trips not already covered by Pupil Premium funding.