



Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mr DeMott
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Powell
Name of local music hub	Surrey 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.

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.

Curriculum documents can all be found on our school website at www.allhallows.net

KS3 Curriculum

Informed by the [model music curriculum](#), throughout key stage 3, we endeavour to provide a range of opportunities for our students to explore music from a variety of genres and styles, from Baroque to modern day with a focus on practical music-making. We introduce a number of instruments, techniques and artists to our students to help them develop their own musical identity.

Our Year 7 curriculum topics include;

- Mood & Music
- Pachelbel's Canon
- Mostly Mozart
- Oh, When the Saints
- Mad World
- Dance Remix Song Writing

Our Year 8 curriculum topics include;

- The Blues
- Irish Folk Music
- Musicals

- Indian Music
- Minimalism

Our Year 9 curriculum topics include;

- In the Air Tonight (Pop)
- Bad Day (Pop)
- Film Music Composition
- Pop Song GarageBand Composition

Throughout our lower school curriculum, students have frequent opportunities to play instruments, work on industry-standard software to compose, and sing.

KS4 Curriculum

GCSE Music is an option subject for our students at key stage 4. Students who select to study Music GCSE are capable musicians, who often already engage in music tuition outside of lessons. We currently have students following the following specifications;

- Edexcel (outgoing year 11 only)
- Eduqas offered to current Year 10 and future students

KS5 Curriculum

A Level Music is an option subject for our students at key stage 5. Students who select Music A level have typically studied GCSE Music and are keen to explore their knowledge and understanding of music theory and practice further. Our A level students are proactively involved in extra-curricular clubs and activities for students throughout the school. We currently follow the Eduqas A level Music specification.

In addition to the school curriculum, students are able to complete practical examinations via the following centres;

- ABRSM
- Trinity
- Trinity Rock and Pop
- Rock School

Extra-curricular music, tuition, choirs and ensembles

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 All Hallows, we have 11 peripatetic teachers offering tuition of a broad range of instruments including voice. Students are taught individually during the school day, with some group lessons for guitar.

Outside of lesson time, we offer a variety of opportunities for our students, including;

- Brass Ensemble
- Chamber Choir
- Concert Band
- Girls' Choir
- Jazz Big Band
- Jazz Combos
- Junior Singers
- Liturgy Choir
- Sacred Junior Voices
- School of Rock
- Sound and Light Music technician team
- String Ensemble

Students have access to specialist teaching spaces in addition to a number of practice rooms, where they can rehearse individually or in a group. Students are able to access these spaces at lunch time and after-school and are supported by the Music Technician.

Located on the Hampshire/Surrey border, our students have the opportunity to participate in different local groups across the neighbouring counties. Within the local community, our students participate in the following ensembles;

- Farnham Music and Drama
- Farnham Youth Choir
- Hampshire County Jazz Band
- Hampshire Choirs
- Local County Surrey Choirs
- Surrey Orchestra/Brass
- Various Musicals that take part in our catchment area

Musical Performances

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.

At All Hallows, students sing;

- in fortnightly Assemblies
- in Celebration of the Word services, and Liturgies
- in KS3 music lessons

Students are invited to participate in the following annual performances;

- **Christmas Concerts**

A group of approximately 180 students will perform in a two-hour show, including performances from choirs, bands, show groups, ensembles. Students from all key stages participate, either in performance, stage production, stage management, sound and lighting or Front of House support. We typically have an audience of approximately 500 people over two evenings.

- **Local, public Christmas events**

Students perform at local events, such as the turning on of Christmas Lights, in an event organised through the local music hub. Approximately 50 students represent the school in a range of choirs and ensembles on a weekend, to a community audience of hundreds.

- **Chamber Concerts**

Students studying A level Music will perform Chamber Concerts to parents, peers and staff throughout the year.

- **Spring Concerts**

A group of approximately 180 students will perform in a two-hour show, including performances from choirs, bands, show groups, ensembles. Students from all key stages participate, either in performance, stage production, stage management, sound and lighting or Front of House support. We typically have an audience of approximately 500 people over two evenings.

- **Summer Musical Production**

A group of approximately 70 students will perform in a musical theatre production at the end of the summer term. Students from years 7-10 & 12, will perform individual and group performances, alongside spoken-word as part of a scripted and choreographed production. When appropriate, the performance is supported by an orchestra of instrumentalists, typically consisting of approximately 20 students and staff. The production is further supported by students in sound and lighting, costumes, promotion, Front of House and prop support.

Students are invited to attend school visits to musical performances and productions in line with the whole school trip offer for the academic year. Sixth Form musicians are invited to attend professional concerts throughout the year in line with course requirements.

In the future

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

We continue to review our offer and are hoping to include tuition for the following instruments in the next academic year;

- Harp
- Bassoon
- Oboe

Within our development plan, and in response to student interest and ability, we are exploring opportunities for;

- Percussion Ensemble
- Woodwind Ensemble
- Orchestra

We aim to initiate a visiting artist series for all Key Stage groups.

Further information

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Farnham Music and Drama

<https://www.farnhammusicanddrama.com/>

Farnham Youth Choir

<https://www.fyc.org.uk/>

Hampshire County Jazz Band

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshiremusic/news/>

Surrey Orchestra/Brass

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/ensembles/area-ensembles>