

Music development plan summary: *Kelvin Hall School*

Overview

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| The academic year that this summary covers | 2024 - 2025 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Alison James |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Caroline Dawes |
| Name of local music hub | Hull Music Service (Hull Music Hub) |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if a partnership is in place) | Music Mark (via Hull Music Hub) |

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.

[Kelvin Hall Music Curriculum](#) (click the link)

- All students study 1 hour of music per week in Years 7 and 8.
- Students who choose to continue to study music as part of their GCSE options will continue to study music for 2 hours per week in Years 9, 10 and 11.
- GCSE Music and an alternative Vocational Qualification at Level 2 is offered to all students as part of their options process (Choices)

- We offer peripatetic music lessons to all students and subsidise the cost of these lessons for any students who wish to pursue this.
- Graded music exams are offered as part of our peripatetic lesson programme.
- Music performance materials in class is linked, where appropriate, to Ofqual recognised standards, i.e. graded exam pieces or equivalent.
- You can find more details about what all students study in Year 7 on this [link](#). This includes:
 - Baseline Skills
 - Keyboards and Notations
 - Ukulele Performance
 - Song Composition
 - Music and Emotion
 - Ensemble Performance
- You can find more details about what all students study in Year 8 on this [link](#). This includes:
 - Use of Music Technology (Garage Band, Sibelius)
 - Guitar
 - Film Music
 - Keyboard and Performance Skills
 - Video Game Music
 - Ensemble Skills
- Students with SEND are supported by classroom teachers, strategies are detailed on their Individual Education Plans.
- In each of Years 7 and 8, a 'Transition Group' studies music together with additional adaptation to curriculum implementation, and support from additional adults.
- We work in partnership with our local music hub, The Hull Music Service.

Actions for improved access:

1. Improve the advertising of our peripatetic music lessons offer by;

- a. Making website information more prominent.
 - b. Adding a direct link on the website for parents and carers to sign up for lessons.
 - c. Adding information about the instruments and lessons available.
 - d. Adding information about the graded music exams available.
2. Add a link for our local music hub to the school website.
 3. Review the sensory music equipment we have available for SEND learners and order additional equipment.
 4. Organise Orchestral visits for students through our local music hub.

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.

Music Tuition

- Peripatetic tuition is offered to all students (individual or paired).
- This includes lessons for:
 - All orchestral instruments
 - Upper & Lower Strings
 - Brass
 - Woodwind
 - Drum Kit and Percussion
 - Guitar
 - Bass Guitar
 - Piano (Classical, Jazz, Ensemble)
 - Singing (all styles including Classical, Jazz, Pop, Musical Theatre, Ensemble)

- Graded Music Exams with all Ofqual-recognised exam boards.
 - ABRSM
 - TCL
 - Trinity Rock & Pop
 - LCM
 - Rockscool
- Lessons are offered to all students throughout the academic year, spaces permitting.
- The school has an SLA in place with the Hull Music Services for Specialist Instrumental Teachers.
- The school subsidises music tuition costs for all students enrolled in these lessons.
- Students who are in receipt of Pupil Premium are also currently fully funded by the school.

Ensembles

- Ensembles are available during Focus Group Lessons, which is 30 minutes on one day per week
- This time coincides with peripatetic teachers' lesson timetables.
- Ensembles available:
 - Choir
 - Jazz Ensemble
 - Rock Bands
 - Woodwind Ensemble
 - Brass Ensemble
 - Percussion Ensemble.
- All year groups are welcome to join ensembles at an appropriate playing standard.
- Rock Band and choir are accessible for all year groups and abilities

Making Progress Outside of Lesson Time

- Those having peripatetic lessons have free instrumental loans.
- Where the music hub provides it, students have orchestral instrument loans.
- Kelvin Hall School has a limited capacity to loan some other instruments, including:
 - Acoustic, Electric, and Bass Guitars
 - Drum Kits
 - Glockenspiels / Drum Pads.
- The Hull Music Service provides 'Music Saturdays' which includes ensembles and workshops for all ages and abilities.
- Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles are available at the Albemarle Music Centre weekly during term-time.
- Students can access music facilities independently for additional practice, details of the available spaces are shared on the department notice board.
- The school works in partnership with the local music hub and advertises workshops and events at the Albemarle Music Centre.

Actions for improved access:

1. Purchase Ukuleles/Guitars at KS3 for students to loan. This will allow practice in between lessons and at home.
2. Add further information about 'out of lesson' music activities to the school website.

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.

- A Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Ceildgh takes place each year during transition week.
- A Year 6 to Year 7 Music students transition workshop takes place each year with the support of the Hull Music Service.
- Students in Years 7 and 8 sing at the beginning of each music lesson.
- A selection of Years 9 and 10 students experience a live orchestra at Hull City Hall each year as part of a visit.
- All students are invited to participate in an annual school musical, all abilities are welcome, audition-based participation.
- The school hosts a number of Performing Arts events each year, including:
 - Dance Show
 - Winter Music Show
 - Performing Arts Show (x3 shows)
 - Summer Music Show
- Participation in the school shows is voluntary.
- All school events have a small, minimal ticket fee which is used to cover the remaining subsidised cost of production.

Actions for improved access:

1. Liaise with the Hull Music Service to arrange additional live performance opportunities in school. This could be a morning or afternoon of performances for different year groups including orchestra and ensemble.
2. Organise events for students from Kelvin Hall to visit our feeder primary schools and complete musical performances in support of transition.

In the future

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

- Our curriculum will change from 2025/2026. From this year, all Year 9 students will continue with the study of music for one hour per week.
- This will mean more students access music and that all students will access music until the end of KS3.
- We are planning to purchase more equipment to increase the offer of musical instrument loans.
- We are planning to add an annual live music event from a professional ensemble for year groups to watch.
- We are planning to improve transition processes by offering blended teaching sessions from peripatetic staff to ease the transition process.

Further information (optional)

The Hull Music Service <https://www.hullmusicclub.com/>

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.