

Music development plan summary: St Cuthbert's RC High School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	January 2026
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Name of the school music lead	Julie Morris
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Elizabeth Gallagher
Name of local music hub	Rochdale Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Greater Manchester 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.

- KS3 curriculum Music lesson allocation is one lesson per week.
- KS4 curriculum Music lesson allocation is five lessons per fortnight.
- The school music curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum through the teaching of music notation, a focus on classroom singing and develop of keyboard instrumental skills. The suggested listening is also cross-referenced.
- Pupils have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments within the classroom with a focus on developing keyboard and vocal skills.
- AQA GCSE Music is offered as part of the option subjects at KS4 and graded music exams are offered to those pupils receiving instrumental lessons within school.

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.

- Lessons are available for guitar, piano, drum kit and voice for individual and small groups. This is charged termly at KS3 and provided free of charge for those opting for GCSE Music at KS4.
- Pupils are able to participate in the annual school musical, the summer Creative Arts Showcase, vocal group, ukulele group and keyboard club.
- Practice rooms are available at lunchtime for pupils who wish to rehearse.

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.

- The school production takes place in December, this year's production is 'The Addams Family'.
- The Summer Showcase takes place in July, featuring soloists, small groups, Dance Drama and Music ensembles.
- Regular theatre trips are organised to see shows in Manchester, Liverpool and Bradford.
- Pupils have the opportunity to join music groups at Rochdale Music service.

In the future

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

- Introduction of increased instrument lesson availability and range of instruments available.
- Joint concerts with other trust schools.