

Music development plan: Woodbridge Road Academy

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Amie Davies
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Norfolk & Suffolk Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Love2singUK

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across two areas – curriculum music and co-curricular provision including 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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

Lessons are delivered by specialist music teachers (Love2singUK) from Year 5-Year 9. Children have one 50 minute lesson of music a week. Lessons take place in a music room with a great selection of resources. Children have the option to sign up to the lunchtime music clubs.

If students wish to take GCSE Music, there is the option to join the GCSE cohort at Ipswich Academy, also part of Paradigm Trust.

Students in each year group explore a new style of music every half term. Musicality and musical skills, i.e performing, listening and composing are developed incrementally over each year group.

We aim to promote pupils' confidence in and outside of the music classroom as well as their overall academia. The Music curriculum has been designed to help students to

understand different musical styles and cultures and recognise their cultural importance.

The curriculum has been designed to suit the needs of the learners within our setting and classes. The lessons are created and taught to cater to the strengths and needs of the learners in each class.

Please find more information regarding our music curriculum here:

WRA Music Overview 2024/25

Year group	Autumn 1 - no computers	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
5/6	Keyboard skills	Computer games (keyboards)	Rock (ukulele)	Pop (ukulele, keyboard)	Electronic music (Bandlab)	Songwriting (keyboards, ukulele, Bandlab)
7	Keyboard skills	Programme music (keyboards)	Blues (ukulele)	Pop (ukulele, keyboard)	Electronic music (Bandlab)	Songwriting (keyboards, ukulele, Bandlab)
8	Keyboard skills	Film music (keyboards)	Rock (guitar)	Pop (guitar, keyboard)	EDM (Bandlab)	Songwriting (keyboards, ukulele, guitar, Bandlab)
9	Keyboard skills	Programme music (keyboards)	Blues (guitar)	Pop (guitar, keyboard)	EDM (Bandlab)	Songwriting (keyboards, ukulele, guitar, Bandlab)
Rowan (sensory)	Our favourite songs • Sharing songs, singing/ responding	Telling stories with music	Programme music	Exploring instruments - keyboards, guitars, drums	Basic notation	Chrome Music Lab

In our music classrooms, you will see students learning through practical music and/or singing in every lesson using our wide range of music instruments, multimedia and resources.

Part B: Co-curricular music

We are proud to offer peripatetic music lessons to students in Drums, Piano and Guitar. These lessons have excellent uptake with students learning on a 1:1 basis or in small groups. Each week, students who sign up for peripatetic music lessons have a 20 minute session with an instrumental specialist. In these lessons, students can work towards graded music exams.

As of September 2024, there will be charges incurred for instrumental lessons at the following rates per half term:

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Piano	£20	£60
Drums	£20	£60
Singing	£10	£30
Flute	£10	£30
Clarinet	£10	£30
Guitar	£10	£30
Violin	£10	£30
Cornet	£10	£30

We offer a lunchtime club where students can explore their musical interests. Previously the students have created podcasts.

Students have access to various music and performance workshops and have connections to several companies including ICM (Ipswich community media).

At Woodbridge Road Academy, we also offer a further lunchtime music club where students can explore the skills needed to play different instruments such as guitar and keyboard, developing and deepening their curriculum knowledge. This club is run by support staff.

Students are also encouraged to join activities run by Norfolk and Suffolk Music hub.

In the future

- we plan to expand our extra curricular offerings for Music and performing arts
- We are working to provide further performance opportunities for the students at Woodbridge Road Academy