

Music development plan summary: William Brookes School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Name of the school music lead	Victoria Adams
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lydia Abrahams
Name of local music hub	Shropshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music Heroes

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.

Students receive the equivalent of one 55 minute lesson per week throughout the academic year. The curriculum map for Music is on the website and this will be updated for August 2024.

The music curriculum follows the advice of the model music curriculum, and singing, keyboard and music technology skills are developed during each year of key stage three (years 7, 8 and 9). This is in a range of settings from individual tasks, paired tasks, small group ensemble class and whole-class work.

Students develop performing, composing, listening and appraising skills through the study of a wide range of musical styles which incorporates the western classical tradition, western popular and world music styles.

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further expand during 2025-26. Students can study for graded examinations during these lessons. The school participates in Shropshire Music Service collaborative events, and took part in Shropshire Sings 2024. We also work collaboratively with the 318 trust to explore further performance opportunities across the trust.

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

William Brookes School welcomes Shropshire Music Service and Music Heroes into school to deliver peripatetic music lessons on a range of orchestral instruments, piano, guitar, drum-kit and vocals. Students can choose to have a one-to-one or small group lesson. This provision expanded considerably since 2023, and will further expand during 2025-26.

Extra-Curricular Provision

Rock Band practices are held after school one day a week, and our Choir also rehearses on one day a week after school. In Autumn 25 and Spring 26 this will be working towards a school musical. Students can also join a flexible instrumental ensemble which rehearses one day a week after-school. All students can rehearse or compose using the music facilities during lunchtimes each day, individually or in groups. All of these activities are free of charge.

Instrumental Loans

Instruments are available for loan through Shropshire Music Service, and the school has a small stock of instruments which can also be loaned out to students. Shropshire Music Service runs a range of evening and weekend music activities which can be found here: [Calendar | Shropshire Music Service](#). Charges for these activities are detailed on the providers websites. Additionally, the school can assist with charges for peripatetic students, and this is considered on a case-by-case basis.:

[Services | Shropshire Music Service](#)

[Music Lessons For Schools In Shropshire - Music Heroes](#)

Students work towards certificates and qualifications such as graded examinations in their peripatetic music lessons.

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 termly performance opportunity is arranged for soloists and small group performances. This is often a 'Live Lounge' or a larger concert involving other performing arts groups. This is open to students from all year groups, and performances are to an invited audience of parents and friends.

Soloists and ensembles perform in the Christmas concert each year. This will be a range of performers including those that attend extra-curricular groups, peripatetic lessons, and those that rehearse regularly in the department. There is a small charge for tickets for this concert which fundraises for performing arts funds.

Students will also perform in local primary schools and care homes throughout the year. This will be a mixture of solo vocal, choral and solo instrumental performances. Each term musicians will perform in celebration assemblies and other special events.

Instrumentalists, vocalists and small ensembles will be encouraged to participate in 'Much Wenlock Live Arts Festival' in the Spring Term. The school is working closely with the festival committee to ensure a productive partnership with local Arts events.

Year 7 students will be introduced to instruments of the orchestra through a series of workshops/demonstration events. We work closely with Shropshire Music Service and colleagues in the 318 trust to provide these opportunities. We will continue to work closely with the Music Service and participate in workshops/events where possible.

Trips and workshops are arranged where the opportunity arises. Previously trips have been taken to CBSO KS3 Concerts at Symphony Hall in Spring 2024 and Spring 2025. A number of our young musicians took part in Orchestra for All's Modulo scheme in 2025, and attended workshops and performed in the CBSO centre and Birmingham Conservatoire. Places for trips will either be allocated on a first-come-first served basis, or be linked to Attitude to Learning scores.

In the future

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

As the year groups progress through key stage three the curriculum will continue to evolve, and will be regularly reviewed to ensure that it is fit-for-purpose and reflects advice from the New National Plan for Music Education.

We will continue to grow our range of peripatetic lessons on offer, and introduce a more varied ensemble provision as we recruit more students to instrumental groups.

We will continue to develop performance opportunities for our students, including termly 'Live Lounge' concerts, an increasing amount of performances in school assemblies, events, and in the local community.

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with the festival committee to ensure a productive partnership with local Arts events. The school will participate in Orchestra for All's Modulo scheme during 2026.

We will continue to develop our relationship with Shropshire Music Service and the 318 trust, as well as local Arts organisations, participating in performance events across the county.