

Music development plan summary: St John Henry Newman Catholic School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
Date this summary was published	October 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Joanna Shirley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Emily Lowrey
Name of local music hub	Cumberland
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.

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.

All key stage 3 have at least one hour of timetabled curriculum music, year 7 pupils currently have two hours. At key stage 4 pupils have three hours of music in one year, and two in the other.

The curriculum is published here:

<https://www.newman.cumbria.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/music>

All pupils have the opportunity to sing and play the keyboard and ukelele during lesson time. Regular whole-class singing takes place as well as smaller ensembles during lessons.

Pupils have the opportunity to achieve a GCSE in music at the end of key stage. Pupils receiving individual instrumental lessons also have the opportunity to take graded music exams, when appropriate.

Part B: Extra-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.

All pupils can choose to have additional music tuition in the following instruments:

- Keyboard/Piano
- Voice
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Saxophone
- Electric Guitar
- Acoustic Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Drum Kit

Lessons are free for pupils who receive the pupil premium and for those taking music as a key stage 4 option. Other pupils pay on a half-termly basis.

Instruments are available to loan for pupils who do not have an instrument at home. Pupils can also use instruments in the music department during breaks, lunch times and after school.

Pupils from all year groups are welcome to join the school choir, which rehearses twice a week. The school choir performs at mass regularly, as well as at the school carol service and other events.

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.

Pupils have regular opportunities to perform, including the following:

- Year group and whole school Mass
- Carol Service
- Carol singing
- School Concerts
- School musical production

They can also perform outside of school at the following events:

- Carlisle Music Festival

- Cumbria Music Hub events (This year, 'A Georgian Christmas' at Carlisle Cathedral with Gabrieli ROAR).

Pupils from different year groups have the chance to attend live performances, including professional musical productions. Pupils in year 9 can also choose to go on a trip to the British Music Experience in Liverpool.

Pupils in receipt of pupil premium can apply for these trips to be paid for or subsidised.

In the future

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

From September 2025, music will be offered to pupils in key stage 5, as a BTEC in Music Performance.

We would also like to increase the number of pupils taking instrumental lessons, as well as expanding the range of instruments available.

Further information

We work with Cumbria Music Hub and take part in activities and events relevant to us. In future, we will encourage pupils to take part in ensembles organised by the Music Hub, when they have reached the required standard.

<https://cumbriamusichub.com/>