

# Music development plan summary: Sunnyside Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Service

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.

At our school, we deliver a rich and engaging music curriculum through the Charanga Original Scheme, ensuring a comprehensive musical education from the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year 6. Lessons take place bi-weekly, ranging from 30 minutes to an hour, tailored to the year group and subject matter.

Music instruction is led by class teachers, HLTAs or Teaching Assistants, with adaptations made to support varying abilities and SEND needs. Additionally, we foster a love of singing through our weekly whole-school singing assembly.

Our HNB and SCB provisions customize lessons to match each child's abilities, ensuring an inclusive and supportive learning experience. We are also proud of our strong partnerships with organizations such as The Erimus Rotary Club in Middlesbrough, allowing our students to participate in music competitions that showcase their talents. Furthermore, our collaboration with The King's Academy music department enhances our musical offering and provides valuable opportunities for our students.

To monitor progress and achievement, we utilize Microsoft Teams to record students at both the beginning and end of each unit, enabling us to track their musical development effectively.

## 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.

Our KS2 pupils have the exciting opportunity to join both the KS2 Choir and Musical Theatre Group, which run during lunchtimes to ensure accessibility for all—including those who travel to school via local authority transport.

We take pride in showcasing our students' talents and have successfully participated in prestigious events such as the Rotary Club Music Competition, where we secured third place in October 2024.

Music is an integral part of our curriculum, and every pupil has the opportunity to learn and play instruments such as the glockenspiel and recorder during their music lessons.

Performance is at the heart of our musical journey, with whole-school productions held in both the Autumn and Summer terms. One of our most anticipated events is the Sunnyside Spectacular, a summer term showcase where all pupils are invited to audition and perform in music and drama.

Additionally, we actively engage with our local music hub and affiliated agencies, participating in regional festivals that celebrate our students' creativity and passion for music.

## 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 the opportunity to take part in a range of musical experiences:**

Music plays a vibrant role in our primary school experience, offering pupils numerous opportunities to perform, develop confidence and share their talents with the wider community. Each week, the whole school comes together for a singing assembly, fostering a love of music and unity. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils perform a traditional Nativity play at Christmas while KS2 students showcase their talents in a festive Christmas production. We also celebrate the season with our Dressing the Tree event and extend our music beyond the school walls, with the choir performing at local hospitals and nursing homes.

As pupils progress through school, they have the chance to take part in exciting performances such as the Rotary Club Music Competitions, the Musinc Shine Festival at the Town Hall and the AdAstra Trust Concert and Annual Conference where they perform alongside other talented young musicians. Our Sunnyside Spectacular in the summer term invites all pupils to audition and participate in a dazzling display of music and

drama while our Year 6 students take centre stage in a memorable end-of-year performance.

Beyond their own performances, we enrich pupils' musical experiences by offering trips to college and academy productions, such as Stockton Riverside College drama performances and The King's Academy's annual production for Year 6 students in November. These experiences not only inspire but also provide valuable insight into the world of performing arts.

## In the future

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

As we continue to enhance our music enrichment offer, we are eager to expand opportunities for our pupils to engage with music beyond the classroom. We aim to introduce a KS1 music, choir and dance club, either **at** lunchtime or after school, to nurture a love of performance from an early age. Additionally, we plan to participate in Snappy Events through Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS), providing our pupils with the chance to perform in larger, collaborative musical experiences. Strengthening our connections with secondary schools is also a key priority, allowing for greater transition support and enriched musical learning opportunities. Furthermore, we hope to foster a sense of unity and shared creativity through a whole Trust collaboration, bringing together schools within our Trust for a large-scale musical event. Finally, we plan to introduce an annual Summer Term Music Day, celebrating music across all year groups with performances, workshops and immersive musical activities.

## Further information (optional)

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