



## Music Development Plan 2025-26



**Vision:**  
At Valley Gardens Middle School we aspire to deliver a music provision that inspires and motivates every learner to become a confident young musician. Our music curriculum encourages our young people to actively engage with music through singing, performing, composing and listening as well as the opportunity to develop a rich musical knowledge. We celebrate the diverse musical talents of our young people and encourage these talents to be enjoyed and shared within our school as well as our wider community.

Area	Action	Resourcing/next steps:	Staff Responsible	Complete
<b>Curriculum Music:</b>  An outstanding curriculum that inspires all young learners to develop a love of learning music.	Further develop use of Oracy to enhance curriculum learning.	Utilise Voice21 training and resources. Department Meeting and CPD to develop resources and practice.	All staff teaching music curriculum.	July 2026
	Following a whole school review of homework - use professional learning to develop homework for KS2 and KS3.	Further develop use of Teaching Gadget my assignments and Google quizzes that provide immediate feedback to learners.	All staff teaching music curriculum.	July 2026
	Review curriculum content, progression and assessment to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.	Use results of pupil voice to inform decision making. Further develop use of bass guitar in the Y8 curriculum Review exploring rhythm topic for Y8. Review Folk Music topic in year 6 curriculum.	Subject Lead	July 2026
<b>Instrumental and Vocal Lessons and Ensembles:</b>  High quality instrumental and vocal lessons as well as an exciting extracurricular programme that is available to all pupils.	Continue to encourage uptake of orchestral instruments	Woodwind/brass pupils/tutors to perform to year 5. Promote opportunities with pupils during music lessons and assemblies.	NTMEH/Arts Technician/ Subject Lead	July 2026
	Continue to maintain and replace music equipment.	Source funding and purchase monitor speaker for hall PA. Review string instruments - arrange repair/replacement as necessary. Further develop Rock School instruments and equipment.	Subject Lead/SLT/NTMEH	July 2026
	Further develop use of Arbor to monitor pupil engagement with instrumental/vocal lessons and extra-curricular ensembles.	Staff CPD relating to Arbor Set-up and monitor pupil engagement. Use information to provide annual information to the Arts Council.	Head of Music/Arts Technician/SLT	July 2026
<b>Musical Events and Opportunities:</b>  A wealth of opportunities to celebrate the musical achievements of our pupils and to enjoy high quality live performance.	Further develop opportunities for VGMS pupils to experience live music.	Plan and organise opportunities for pupils to experience live music. Northern Stage - Beauty and the Beast. Theater Royal - Mamma Mia & Legally Blonde. Respond to opportunities that arise during the year.	Subject Lead / Arts Technician	July 2026
	Continue to signpost VGMS students to extra-curricular activities available both in school and by external partners.	Organise and promote extracurricular opportunities available in school. Communication with NTMEH/external agencies Share singing opportunities offered by NYC	Subject Lead/Instrumental tutors/NTMEH	July 2026
	Maintain and further develop performance opportunities both internally and externally.	Weekly performances at Head Teacher's Assembly, Y5 Christmas Musical, Y6 Carol Service, Y8 Soloists' Concert, Y7 Soloists' Concert, Groups Winter Concert, Groups Summer Concert, Music Showcase Concert, Joint music/drama performance. NTMEH Showcase at Whitley Bay Playhouse.	Head of Music/Arts Technician/NTMEH Tutors/Private Tutors	July 2026