



Music Development Plan 2026-27



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
Curriculum Music: An outstanding curriculum that inspires all young learners to develop a love of learning music.	Further develop explicit teaching of oracy skills. Continue to use Oracy strategies to support music learning. Focus on developing use of questions.	Utilise Voice21 training and resources. Department Meeting and CPD to develop resources and practice.	All staff teaching music curriculum.	July 2027
	Develop online planner resources to support pupils when learning at home.	Create resources to support vocabulary retention. Create resources to support pupils' understanding of notation/ theory. Create resources to support pupils' musical skills.	Subject Lead	July 2027
	Review content, presentation, resources and assessment to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils in all year groups.	Use results of pupil voice to inform decision making. Review and develop resources used to develop pupils' understanding of chords. Review and develop bass guitar resources used in the Y8 curriculum.	Subject Lead	July 2027
Instrumental and Vocal Lessons and Ensembles: 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 2027
	Continue to maintain and replace music equipment.	Rock School equipment - strings, drum skins, keyboards, microphones and amplifiers. Orchestral instruments - as opportunities/issues arise during the year.	Subject Lead/SLT/NTMEH	July 2027
	Continue to develop use of Arbor to monitor pupil engagement with instrumental/vocal lessons and extra-curricular ensembles.	Develop systems to track pupil engagement. Use information to provide accurate data for annual data return.	Head of Music/Arts Technician/SLT	July 2027
Musical Events and Opportunities: A wealth of opportunities to celebrate the musical achievements of our pupils and to enjoy high quality live performance.	Continue to offer opportunities for VGMS pupils to experience live music.	Plan and organise opportunities for pupils to experience live music. Northern Stage - Snow Queen Theater Royal - Mrs Doubtfire & Cats Respond to opportunities that arise during the year.	Subject Lead / Arts Technician	July 2027
	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 2027
	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. Band Jam. Recording opportunities.	Head of Music/Arts Technician/NTMEH Tutors/Private Tutors	July 2027