



Park View School

Music Development Plan Summary 2024/25

Detail	Information
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Name of school music lead	Miss S. Inkster
Name of local music hub	Durham Music Service

## Music Department Vision

As a department, our vision is to inspire our students to develop strong identities as musicians, regardless of previous experience. We want students to develop their musical skills (including performance, composition, appraising), as well as an appreciation for music beyond the classroom. Our aim is to deliver an ambitious and accessible curriculum that inspires students and empowers them to study music at KS4 and beyond. The Music Department wishes to create confident, creative and resilient learners, who can collaborate successfully with others to produce innovative and imaginative work; and to create reflective learners who can evaluate and analyse their work honestly and critically in order to make progress. We will provide students with opportunities to take part in music beyond the classroom, and hope to showcase classroom work to boost self-confidence and give experiences that they can carry forward into adult life. Students should also have the opportunity to experience live music, and participate in music activities outside of school. The Department would like to develop strong links with the community and external providers, to provide opportunities to experience music outside of the curriculum.

### Part A: Curriculum Music

At Park View School, pupils in Years 7 and 8 study music for 1 hour per week. The curriculum aims to develop pupils' listening, performing and composing skills. At our North Lodge site, pupils have access to keyboards and classroom percussion.

Music in Year 9 is optional, and pupils continue to study the KS3 curriculum for 1 hour per week. Students have access to a range of instruments including keyboards, piano and drum kit. Pupils are introduced to music technology using a DAW (Bandlab) and continue to develop their musical knowledge, understanding and skills through listening, performing and composing. Across the KS3 curriculum, pupils have the opportunity to explore a wide range of music and develop skills across the technical, constructive and expressive pillars of progression. For further information regarding the KS3 Music curriculum, please visit [here](#).

The curriculum is adapted as needed for SEND pupils. Whole-school quality-first teaching strategies are implemented to allow all pupils to access the curriculum.

For those that opt to study music further, pupils study the Edexcel GCSE Music specification (<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/music-2016.html>)

Provision for Music at KS5 level is currently under review.

## **Part B: Extra-Curricular Music**

In partnership with Durham Music Service, MusicWorks and independent VMTs, pupils can access instrumental and singing lessons outside of curriculum music. Instrumental lessons with Durham Music Service are partially subsidised by Durham Music Service and the school. Additional PP funding means PP pupils can access fully subsidised instrumental lessons. Pupils have the opportunity to learn the following instruments:

- Strings (upper and lower strings)
- Brass
- Woodwind (Flute, clarinet, saxophone)
- Voice
- Keyboard
- Guitar (acoustic, electric and bass)

Pupils also have the opportunity to further develop their musical skills by participating in one or more of the weekly extra-curricular activities that occur across the year:

- NL Singers (Y7 & 8)
- CC Singers (Y9 - Y13)
- Ensemble (All year groups)
- Annual School Musical (All year groups)

## **Part C: Musical Experiences**

Pupils can perform in one or more of the termly performance opportunities, including:

- Christmas Carol Service
- Christmas Performing Arts Showcase
- Easter Music Showcase
- School Musical

In previous years, pupils have had the opportunity to perform as part of a large ensemble at York University, in partnership with Orchestras For All. The Music Department aims to get involved with this project during the current academic year. Students were also invited to attend a singing workshop with the choir 'The Sixteen', in partnership with Durham Music Service (2023/24 academic year). Future musical experiences and opportunities are currently being explored.

## **In the Future**

Aims and objectives for the 2024/25 academic year:

- 1) Establish regular, informal performing opportunities for students to showcase their musical skills.
- 2) Establish links with feeder primary schools to aid transition and develop a positive and supportive network.
- 3) Increase the number of students opting to take music in Year 9, and KS4/5 level (long term).
- 4) Increase the number of students involved in co curricular music activities.
- 5) Explore funding opportunities to invest in new music equipment.