

# Paxman Academy



## Music Development Plan September 2024

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**Part A: Curriculum music**

The music curriculum at Paxman Academy is well-structured and focuses on developing students' musical skills and knowledge across different genres and musical elements. The curriculum is designed to provide a solid foundation in music education, covering areas such as instrumental skills, composition, exploring different music genres like Blues, Jazz, and Hip-Hop, and understanding the purpose of music in different contexts like film and dance.

The Academy ensures that students have opportunities to perform, create, and critically engage with music, fostering a well-rounded musical education.

**Potential Next Steps**

Implementing more opportunities for students to collaborate on larger musical projects that involve multiple skills such as composition, performance, and music production.

Incorporating more diverse musical genres and styles into the curriculum to expose students to a wider range of musical experiences and cultures.

**Part B: Co-curricular music**

The co-curricular music activities at Paxman Academy currently include students playing music at Academy events like awards and open evenings. This provides students with opportunities to showcase their musical talents outside of the classroom and contribute to the Academy community through music performances.

**Potential Next Steps**

Expanding the co-curricular music programme to include regular music concerts or recitals that involve a wider range of students and musical ensembles.

Establishing music clubs or ensembles where students can further develop their musical skills in a more informal and collaborative setting.

Organising music workshops or masterclasses with external musicians or music professionals to provide students with additional learning opportunities and inspiration.

**Part C: Musical experiences**

Musical experiences at Paxman Academy currently include performances in assemblies, allowing students to share their musical talents with the Academy community in a formal setting. These experiences help students build confidence, develop performance skills, and foster a sense of community through music.

**Potential next steps:**

Organising themed music events or showcases throughout the Academy year to provide students with more performance opportunities and create a vibrant musical culture within the Academy .

Collaborating with local music organisations or venues to offer students external performance opportunities and exposure to different musical settings.

Integrating music into other Academy events and activities to promote cross-curricular connections and showcase the importance of music in various contexts.

**Moving forward**

Paxman Academy plans to enhance its music programme by introducing choirs, bands, and visits to primary schools. These initiatives aim to further engage students in music, cultivate teamwork and collaboration, and promote music education beyond Academy boundaries.

**Potential next steps**

Establishing an Academy choir and band to provide students with ensemble playing opportunities and develop their musical teamwork and performance skills.

Organising visits to primary schools to showcase the Academy 's musical talents, inspire younger students, and promote music education in the local community.

Collaborating with other schools or music organisations to participate in music festivals or competitions, fostering a sense of musical achievement and excellence among students.