

Music development plan summary: King James's School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	24-25
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Name of the school music lead	Rebecca Woodfine
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Paula Eastaugh
Name of local music hub	Harrogate Music centre
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

KS3

KS3 receive 2 timetabled music lessons per fortnight and cover a broad range of topics:

Yr7:

- Instruments of the orchestra
- Elements of Music
- STOMP! And rhythm
- Baroque Music and performance with treble clef
- Composing to a set brief

Yr8:

- Romantic music and performance with bass clef
- Blues music
- Music through time with composition
- Popular Music

Yr9:

- African and Gamelan Music

- Samba Music
- Live Lounge performance
- Film Music
- Musicals

Students have access to a wide range of instruments including keyboards, guitars, bass, ukuleles and tuned and untuned percussion.

Students learn how to use music technology and programmes GarageBand, Logic and Sibelius.

KS4

Students have the opportunity to choose Music as a GCSE option under the board Eduqas.

Yr10

- Develop knowledge of music through musical workshops
- Have plenty of opportunities to perform both in class and to the wider community
- Produce a musical composition on a genre of your choice (15% of the course)
- Listen to and appraise music from a variety of sources
- Learn 1 set work which will appear in 1 out of 8 questions in your examination.

Yr11

- Record prepared performance pieces which are worked on in peripatetic lessons (30% of the course)
- Complete a second composition based on a set brief (15% of the course)
- Learn the other set work which will appear in 1 out of 8 questions in your examination
- Sit the listening and appraising examination (40% of the course).

KS5

Students who have taken GCSE Music (or equivalent standard) have the opportunity to choose Music as a GCE option under the board Eduqas.

Yr12

- The development of the symphony
- Set work 1 – *Haydn's London Symphony (104)*
- Produce a musical composition on a genre of your choice (12.5% of the course)
- Listen to and appraise music from a variety of Western classical styles
- Listen to and appraise music from a variety of Popular music styles

Yr13

- Perform prepared performance pieces which are worked on in peripatetic lessons to a live examiner (35% of the course)
- Complete a second composition based on a set brief (12.5% of the course)

- Set works 2 and 3:
Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano - Poulenc
Three Nocturnes, Number 1, Nuages - Debussy
- Sit the listening and appraising examination (40% of the course).

Please see here for the music page on the school site: <https://www.king-james.co.uk/music/>

To support SEND students and students with disability we use the following strategies:

- Careful seating plans
- Practise room use. Many students who have extra sensory needs benefit from working in these during live performance tasks
- Group work
- Scaffolding and differentiated tasks/resources

Our music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

- KS3 lessons are based on a practical theme and students have the opportunity to sing and learn the following instruments in a class environment:

Xylophone/glockenspiel

Ukulele

Keyboards/piano

Djembe

Drum set

Basic guitar and bass guitar skills

Organisations that we are linked with to support:

- Peripatetic music lessons
- Links to the community brass band
- Links to Harrogate Music centre
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Music qualifications and awards pupils can study and achieve at the school:

Students can study for Trinity and ABRSM board graded performance examinations with their peripatetic teachers. They can also study for ABRSM theory grades.

Part B: Co-curricular music

We have a team of 8 peripatetic music teachers that visit the school to teach instrumental lessons:

- Piano
- Brass
- Woodwind
- Percussion
- Strings
- Guitar/bass guitar
- Voice

The vast majority of these lessons are taught one-to-one, with a few taught in pairs. Piano and drums are only taught one-to-one. GCSE and A level students get their lessons subsidised by £7 each week

Lessons cost £15 each for 20 minutes and £19 for 30mins.

The Music department offers a wide range of musical ensembles students can join:

- Concert band
- Sing Up!
- Hand Bells
- Function band (invitation only)
- Musical band (invitation only)
- Music tech group

The school has a range of musical instruments that we can offer out to loan free of charge.

We have a large rehearsal room, 3 practise rooms and a studio that students can book out to further develop their music skills.

The school does not currently offer any free or subsidised tuition to students in Key Stage 3.

Harrogate Music centre runs on a Saturday morning and many of our students attend this.

Practise rooms are open for students to use before school, during break and lunch time, and after school when agreed with staff.

Part C: Musical experiences

There are 2 annual concerts – Spring and Christmas. All of our extra-curricular groups perform along with soloists also. This is attended by family, friends and members of the local community and the fee is £5 per person

The music department provide the band for the annual school musical which takes place in February. This runs over 3 nights. Tickets vary in price.

At Christmas we set up a busking band that visits local care homes and primary schools during lunchtime to perform for residents and students. On the week leading up to Christmas we visit different areas of the school and busk at lunchtimes to spread Christmas cheer.

On remembrance day we place 4 trumpeters around the school grounds. At 11am teachers open their classroom windows and listen to the last post followed by a 2minutes silence.

The school band is often asked to perform at local community events such as the Great Yorkshire Show and Knaresborough Christmas market.

Students have chance to play at school events such as celebration BBQ, award assemblies, staff briefing, prom, awards evenings, sports awards, prize giving, open evenings

Each year we organise a trip to the theatre to watch a musical. GCSE and A level students are invited and members of concert band have the chance to join.

In the future

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

In the future we plan to grow our GCSE and A level numbers by increasing the amount of performance opportunities in KS3. This includes in assemblies and school concerts.

We are planning on increasing the number of instrumentalists by having professionals and students perform in Yr7 lessons to inspire.

From July 2024 staff are taking time out of their lunch break to teach their specialist instrument free of charge to give more students the opportunity to learn.