

Music development plan summary 2024-25: Curlidge Street Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	24/25
Date this summary was published	July '24
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Name of the school music lead	Greg Evans
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Hannah Wilkinson (Head of School)
Name of local music hub	Torbay music hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

Curlidge Street Academy values music highly. Music is taught by a specialist music teacher and is taught for an hour a week minimum from reception to year 6. This takes place in our music room which contains a good range of musical equipment inline and above the national curriculum expectations. We use the Kapow scheme as our curriculum guidance which fully meets the requirements of the national curriculum and beyond. [We have a coherent 'road map' through music which builds on skills and knowledge](#). This is then adapted in line with our curriculum expectations to meet the needs of all pupils.

Singing is a core part of the music curriculum and as such every lesson includes an opportunity for group singing. Children also take part in weekly singing assemblies with their phase. In the curriculum overview each year group have opportunities for playing instruments through the year and performing using them. Whole-class ensemble teaching takes place in every year group.

Curlidge Street Academy is part of the Torbay music hub and utilises as many opportunities as possible. Our young people recently performed as part of a joint choir at Armed Forces Day. We also partner with 'Rock Steady' to provide band lessons, 'We need music' for additional music workshops and 'Blossoms' for peripatetic music lessons.

Part B: Co-curricular music

The school currently offers weekly 1:1 or 1:2 20 minutes or half an hour singing, flute, saxophone, recorder or piano lessons from reception to year 1. We offer 'Rock Steady' where children can learn the keyboard, vocals, bass guitar, electric guitar or drums. The music lessons are parent funding however the school funds lessons for looked after children. Rock Steady also offer nursery spaces which we have used for disadvantaged children. The school offers free guitar tuition weekly for disadvantaged children, this is undertaken by our in house music teacher. We are currently reviewing our instrument loaning services as we start to broaden our peripatetic music lessons.

We currently offer 8 extra curricular music opportunities that children can join for free. We offer musical theatre, mixed choir, year 3 choir, boys choir, community choir, Y1/2 music club, ukulele and karaoke. There are multiple opportunities for these clubs to perform. Annually the choirs perform at our large scale school music performance, the summer fete, local community events, community care homes and in evening concerts hosted with other schools.

The school has 16 Arts Ambassadors/Creative Arts leaders who support with the delivery of clubs and promote wider school engagement for the arts. They take an active role in performances and the arts leadership in the school.

Lunch times can be used for children who would like to rehearse in multiple spaces across the school.

Part C: Musical experiences

Curlidge Street Academy is committed to providing aspirational trips and visitors for the arts as well as regular opportunities for musical performances.

Children will continue to have an hour of music weekly taught by a specialist from reception to Y6. Children will also have the chance to take part in the free extra Tocurricular clubs and the peripatetic music lessons listed previously from Y1-6. We are intending to extend our instrument lessons to include woodwind and strings. Planned performances include 'One night only: At the movies', a musical theatre production for musical theatre club, the annual christmas shows from nursery-Y6, the Y6 production in July as well as the regular singing at community events and in house performance opportunities. These opportunities are available from reception to Y6. With reception being the year group attending 'dress rehearsals' as the audience.

Audience opportunities are available for year 1-3 to watch the dress rehearsals of the year 6 production annually.

We have committed to three out of county music experiences, our arts leaders will be visiting the Royal Albert Hall in London, we intend to take them to watch an orchestra and to attend a 'gig, as well as attending our local music festival - The Mix, where they will get the opportunity to take part in workshops as well as watch performances. These trips are subsidised for those pupils entitled to FSM.

In the future

- From Autumn 2024 the school intends to include the offer of woodwind or strings music lessons to the extra curriculum offer
- Opportunities for children in Reception to perform and take a greater role in clubs. Arts leaders to run a music club for reception from Jan '25 with built in opportunities to perform to their peers from March '25
- Continued opportunities for children to experience watching high quality musical productions x3 at least from Nov '25
- As part of the 'Start small, Dream big' project arts careers to be built into whole school opportunities such as in Arts week June '25