

Music Development Plan: Ormiston Victory Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mr Thomas Shelbourn
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Miss Helen Curson
Name of local music hub	Norfolk Music Hub

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum Music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Ormiston Victory Academy, pupils study music for one hour per week (two hours per fortnight) in Key Stage 3.

Pupils who choose music as an option (EDEXCEL GCSE Music) will study music for six hours per fortnight.

The music curriculum develops skills in performing, listening and composing, exposing students to a range of genres, styles and traditions. Students will sing and use their voices and instruments to perform and compose music in response to different stimuli and styles and learn to evaluate the work they listen to and have produced. Our music curriculum focuses on building skills for beyond the KS3 classroom. We aim for all students to be competent at reading basic music notation and basic keyboard skills by the end of the 3 year program as well as gaining a wider understanding of music and appraising skills. All students work through the RSL piano method in year 7 in order to gain basic keyboard skills and these and additional skills are developed over year 8 & 9 so students are equipped for KS4 as well as supporting our enrichment program and students' engagement with music beyond the classroom.

Ormiston Victory Academy works closely with Norfolk Music Hub (local music hub) on classroom and co-curricular music. We also have working partnerships with the other secondary schools in the Ormiston Trust, working together on curriculum planning and extra-curricular activities, including joint performances and other music-making events.

Pupils have the opportunity to study Music in Year 10 and Year 11 through the EDEXCEL GCSE Music course.

Part B: Co-curricular Music (Music Tuition and Extra-curricular Music)

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At Ormiston Victory Academy, all pupils have the opportunity to receive high-quality individual, shared or group tuition on voice, piano, guitar, violin, cello, flute, saxophone or drums. These lessons take place during and after the school day with our team of 8 visiting music teachers (VMTs). All lessons are free or substantially subsidised through our funding partners.

In year 7 all pupils take part in our #Wewillsingproject across the year, learning to sing and about youth social action, finishing in a performance together in the summer term.

GROUPS/PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Free group lessons are available for students to make music together on piano, guitar, drums, flute and saxophone. Pupils can also be part of our popular daily breaktime singing or be part of a cast of one of our musicals which meet several times a week to rehearse.

Pupils can borrow instruments from school for practice (this is free) and there are practice rooms available before school and during break, lunch or after school for private practice and small group rehearsal. Pupils are encouraged to form their own bands/informal music making during these times and many students make long-lasting friendships through this.

Part C: Musical events and performances.

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

We normally produce 2-3 full-scale musicals per year in addition to termly showcases or music concerts which all pupils can take part in. This year we will be putting on *Shrek the Musical* and *Frozen* which are open to all years to audition for. Both musicals will include a live band.

We regularly have artists and groups into school to perform to students and also take students on trips out of school. Recently this has included IEMusic, the National Youth Orchestra and Local artists coming into school as well as trips to the Royal Norfolk Show, Blood Brothers the musical and performances outside school including at the Maddermarket theatre.

All pupils and parents are invited to attend our Spring and Summer showcases and Music concert.

In addition, there are a number of smaller concerts which take place during the school year – Year 6 on transition days, in the canteen at breaktime and in class. These all showcase classroom music making and extra-curricular music.

All of Year 7 will be involved in whole-class singing workshops with a visiting band and artist as part of the #Wewillsing project and there will be performance following this.

In the future

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

We aim to build our first orchestra by the end of this year as well as offering free group lessons on Brass!