

# Music development plan summary: Ercall Wood Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
Date this summary was published	23/9/2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2025
Name of the school music lead	Vicki Bradburn
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Vicki Bradburn
Name of local music hub	The Music Partnership
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	The Music Partnership

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.

All students in Years 7-9 receive one hour of Music a fortnight as we follow a two-week timetable. In years 10 and 11, students who have opted to continue with their music education receive 5 hours of music a fortnight whilst they study for a Level 2 BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice.

All information regarding the Curriculum can be found here (link to curriculum map?)  
The curriculum, based on the requirements of the National Curriculum has been designed with the Model Music Curriculum in mind.

During classroom lessons students have the opportunity to learn skills and techniques on keyboards, ukuleles, guitars and classroom percussion and singing is also incorporated into the curriculum.

## **Part B: Co-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.

Students also have the opportunity to take part in instrumental lessons provided by teachers from the Telford and Wrekin Music Service. Currently a small number of students pay for and receive a weekly 20 / 30 minute lesson on the following instruments:

- Drums
- Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass)
- Keyboard

There is planned expansion on this during the year with both the Music Service and with a focus on PP, SEN and EAL students being offered free lessons through our music lead in school.

Alongside our peripatetic music lessons, we offer a variety of extra-curricular activities that cater for all ages, abilities, instruments, interests and skills level:

African Drumming club for years 7 and 8

Rock School (run jointly with Telford and Wrekin Music Service) – open to guitarists, bass guitarists, keyboard / piano players, drummers and vocalists from all years

Vocal Group – open to all singers in all year groups.

These ensembles rehearse weekly and are free to all students.

Students are able to use the music room and practice room for small group or individual practice after school and at break times / lunch times when it is free.

## **Part C: Musical experiences**

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.

Students have had, and will continue to have many opportunities for performance and musical experience such as:

- Christmas and Summer Performing Arts show case events (performances involve pieces rehearsed in extra curricular groups (see previous section), some soloists and some rehearsed in lessons.
- Vocal group are planning a Christmas visit to a nearby nursing home.
- Musicians will have the opportunity to perform for our Community Afternoon Tea for the Elderly Community at Christmas Time. (performances will be from the extra curricular groups and some soloists)
- A whole school musical production in Spring term (alternating with Drama play each year). This involves all year groups and students sing, dance, act and are the technicians also.
- Open Evening: as part of the Year 6 open evening we will have singers and the school Rock School playing in the music department and engaging with our visitors and discussing music at Ercall Wood Academy.
- Telford Sings (we are hoping for our school vocal group to be invited to be part of this in Spring Term 2025 for the first time)
- Rock Band evening organised by Telford and Wrekin Music Service (we are hoping that Rock School receives an invitation to be part of this during this year)
- Rock School will be performing at Charltonbury (a music festival organised by another school in our Trust) in July 2025.
- We are planning a variety of trips for students this year: the aim is one per term (promotion for the Performing Arts subjects for options, rewards trips for our students who attend rehearsals and participate in concerts)

## In the future

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

- The Subject lead for Music will continue to develop and run the Key Stage three curriculum over the next three years to enable students to receive quality and holistic teaching over the three disciplines performing, composing and appraising. It will take the three years for the effective sequencing of topics, schemes of work, skills, techniques and knowledge to have impact, transitioning smoothly into music in Key Stage 4. Greater emphasis will be placed upon

practical music making, introducing students to a wide range of instruments and whole class ensemble teaching (keyboards, ukuleles and classroom ensemble)

- We are planning to drive Music forward with an aim of gaining more students opting for Music at Key Stage 4.
- We plan to audit the current resources (instruments and space) and invest in the department to enable better provision for our students. Subject lead will also liaise with music service for the borrowing of instruments.
- A pupil voice survey will be completed to gain an insight into the students' appetites for extra-curricular clubs. We plan to expand deliver a wide range of extra curricular groups and activities. We plan to engage and attract greater numbers of students to these groups over the year.
- We plan to increase the numbers of students receiving instrumental and vocal tuition outside the classroom through promotion and liaison with Telford and Wrekin Music Service and by utilising 4 hours (currently) of Subject leader's timetable to target PP students (EAL and SEN also) and teach instrumental and vocal lessons to these students.
- Subject lead will also look at creating / sourcing more performance opportunities and live performances across the year (in consultation with Head of Performing Arts, Telford and Wrekin Music service, other schools in our Trust and with our Music Hub, The Music Partnership.)

## Further information (optional)

Ercall Wood Academy is proud to be associated with Telford and Wrekin Music service [Telford & Wrekin Music \(telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk\)](http://telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk)

and with The Music Partnership, our Music Education Hub.

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