

# Music development plan summary: Court Lane Junior Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Megan Griffiths
Name of local music hub	Portsmouth Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady

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.

Children receive at least one hour of music each week which is made up of a whole school choral singing session (fortnightly) and a class-based lesson (weekly) using Charanga's scheme, which is informed by the model music curriculum. There are 6 key units over the year which all cover each area of the National Curriculum. Each unit has a specific focus during the assessment final lesson. This will be composing, listening and responding or performing. The Charanga scheme focuses on a natural progression, with the songs and skills becoming more complex. It focuses heavily on repeating the same concepts and skills within different contexts and allowing for rehearsing and re-rehearsing in different contexts. The different levels of challenge in aspects of each unit allows for the children to progress within each unit.

Music is taught by the class teacher. Children have the opportunity to play glockenspiels and sing both in groups and solo during their lessons, including improvising and performing to others.

In Year 4, children complete the Ready4Music programme for one term. All pupils receive a 45 minute music lesson each week from a professional peripatetic music teacher from the Portsmouth Music Hub. This year, they are learning the ukulele. The skills taught in these sessions can be brought into their future Charanga sessions.

## **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.

This year, all pupils can join the Junior School choir to enjoy singing a wide variety of songs for both pleasure and performance to a range of audiences. This is an extra-curricular activity led by school staff and is free to all pupils in all year groups.

Through the Portsmouth Music Hub, pupils have the opportunity to take up peripatetic music lessons, such as guitar and keyboard, at school, during the school day. They can progress through grades as part of this. Students have the opportunity to join Rocksteady, an external provider, where they learn to play traditional rock and pop instruments as a band. They have regular performance opportunities to the school and parents/carers as a part of this. These opportunities are paid for by parents/carers in line with the academy's Charging and Remissions Policy.

## **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.

Every other week, children participate in whole-school singing assembly, where they sing a variety of seasonal songs. This helps to prepare them for events such as Harvest assembly, where a reverend speaks, the food bank visits and children sing.

The singing assemblies also prepare children for our Christmas events. The whole school walk to the local church and watch Year 3's nativity, which is interspersed with the whole school singing. There is also an 'Advent Cheer' event held in conjunction with the Infant school, where families and children come together to sing carols, backed by a brass band from the University of Chichester. The choir has the opportunity to sing solos at this event.

The Rocksteady ensembles also perform to students and parents once each term, showcasing the songs that they have been working on in their sessions.

During Autumn term, there is a talent show where many children choose to perform musical talents on behalf of their House, from solo singing to playing the piano.

In Year 6, all children participate in the end of year production which includes preparing songs for performance. They then have the opportunity to perform evening shows for parents as well as a matinee for the whole school.

## **In the future**

In the future, we are planning to create opportunities for children to experience live professional performances, through inviting visitors or school trips, such as the BSO school event. The music coordinator will contact providers and the Music Hub this school year in the hopes of introducing changes for the summer term or next school year depending on the amount of planning needed.