

Music development plan summary: Ermysted's Grammar School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Sarah Evans
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	n/a
Name of local music hub	North Yorkshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	n/a

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.

See school website for an overview of our music curriculum (click [here](#)).

- Pupils receive two hours per fortnight in Year 7 and three hours per fortnight in Year 8.
- In Years 9 to 11, all pupils receive music in a weekly enrichment carousel (click [here](#))
- GCSE Music is offered from Year 9 in two hours per week for three years (see [here](#))
- A Level Music is offered from Year 12 in five hours a week for two years (see [here](#))
- See **Equality Scheme** and **SEND policies** on the school website for further information.

Our school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), and we place a promote active participation in practical musical experiences. KS3 places an emphasis on singing and whole-class ensemble teaching, which is developed and extended in the KS4 enrichment programme.

The music block contains a very well-resourced main teaching room, an office, and three spacious music practice rooms. The department is equipped with keyboards, djembe drums, computers and specialist software. Pupils are able to access the music room before and after school and during break and lunchtime – the facility is invariably full and busy each day. Pupils can book the music practice rooms with staff, and these too are heavily used outside of lesson times.

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.

The co-curriculum is extensive (see below) and pupils are encouraged and enabled to learn musical instruments and take graded musical qualifications at the school through our extensive staff of peripatetic music teachers. Music lessons and instrument hire are provided free-of-charge to disadvantaged pupils.

One-to-one, small-group and large-group tuition for instruments and voice are available outside of the lesson at the school, either in timetabled peripatetic lessons or in the various ensembles. Some of these are run in collaboration with the local girls' school and others involve parents, staff and siblings of EGS pupils.

Our programme is shown below.

Tuesday lunchtime: **Choir**, 12:30-1.20pm, All standards and voice-types welcome, Joint with SGHS

Tuesday after school (September-March): **School Musical Rehearsals**, Joint with SGHS, full cast rehearsals for those involved in the school production.

Thursday lunchtime: **Training Band**, All wind and brass instruments, Guitars and drums by invitation or request, Pre-Grade 1 upwards, Years 7-10.

Wednesday lunchtime: **Wind and Brass Ensemble**, All Standards, All brass and woodwind; **Guitar Ensemble**, All strummed instruments, All Standards

Wednesday after school: **Swing Band**, Grade 3+, Joint with SGHS, Parents and siblings welcome

Thursday lunchtime: **String Ensemble**, Grade 2+, Violin, viola, cello, double bass, Joint with SGHS

Thursday after school: **Orchestra**, Grade 1+, All acoustic instruments, Joint with SGHS, Parents and siblings welcome

Friday lunchtime (September-March): **School Musical Rehearsals**, joint with SGHS. Solo and small group rehearsals.

Friday Lunchtime (March-July): **GCSE Support Group**, open to all pupils taking GCSE music in years 9-11 for general support with composition, performance and the listening and appraising exam.

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.

Public concerts are planned for every school term.

- The autumn term includes two nights of performance, with one night dedicated to KS3 musicians and including the whole of Year 7 performing as a choir.
- The spring concert takes place alternating with the school production before Easter.
- The school production alternates with the spring concert before the Easter holidays.
- The summer term concert takes place outside, in the school quad in front of a large audience of parents and pupils.

This is supplemented by school musicians regularly performing in:

- House music competition (every Year 7 and Year 8 pupil)
- School assemblies
- Remembrance Service
- Founders' Day Service (off site at Holy Trinity Church)
- Speech Day
- Open Evening
- Leavers' Celebration Event
- School plays

The school invites professional musicians to speak to our GCSE and A Level musicians. Recent examples include:

- Local composers (including a school trips to local performances/rehearsals)
- International classical musicians (workshops and performances)
- Jazz musicians
- Former pupils now at conservatoires
- Examiners

All of these opportunities are provided free of charge and draw on a large and representative cross section of the school and local community.

Music teachers from EGS to visit a local primary school weekly to deliver class music lessons. EGS pupils to be actively involved in the delivery of these lessons

In the future

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

The school is actively encouraging more pupils to take up musical tuition at the school and is working with North Yorkshire Music Service to increase the breadth and frequency of tuition available.

Further information (optional)

See the [North Yorkshire Music Hub](#) for information on local music opportunities.

The [Skipton Music Centre](#) offers local Saturday morning music tuition at an affordable rate.

The [North Yorkshire School Music Service](#) offers instrument and voice tuition and provides an [instrument hire service](#).