

The Arthur Terry School Music Development Plan

Mission Statement: To cultivate a vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic music program that nurtures the artistic and academic growth of all students, fostering a lifelong appreciation for music and its cultural significance.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mr D Loffman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs A Mills
Name of local music hub	Birmingham Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership

Part A: Curriculum Music

Here at The Arthur Terry School, students are given one hour of lesson time per week across Key Stage 3, two and a half hours at Key Stage 4, and five hours at Key Stage 5.

Our curriculum is guided by the model music curriculum (March 2021), and in collaboration with the other schools within the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership.

During Key Stage 3, students are given the opportunity to learn the piano and Ukulele, as well as being encouraged to bring in their own instruments for certain topics. We encourage whole-class singing, class ensembles, solo projects, and band performances. Our topics include composition using GarageBand on the iPads, film music studies, and practical lessons. Throughout these topics, an emphasis is given to music theory as well as music culture and history, with particular emphasis on creativity and the use of technology through composition.

At Key Stage 4 we offer the OCR music GCSE, further developing performance and compositional skills from KS3, and enhancing music theory knowledge over a broad range of musical styles.

Our Key Stage 5 course is the RSL Subsidiary diploma for music practitioners, which is a vocational award that looks more at the music industry, stage presence and audience awareness through performance, and a deeper understanding of efficient rehearsal routines and instrumental techniques on the student's chosen instrument.

Across all Key Stages, students are encouraged to regularly perform to the class by singing or playing an instrument. Students are also encouraged to reflect on their performances and give feedback to their peers.

We believe our curriculum is accessible to all students, with tailored support for SEND pupils to ensure full participation. For more information, visit our [School Curriculum](#) and [SEND Support](#) pages.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Here at Arthur Terry, we offer one-on-one instrumental lessons on a range of instruments throughout the school year with our peripatetic music staff, with opportunities for lessons to be subsidised to our pupil premium students. Our peripatetic teachers have taken pupils through graded exams on their instruments, as well as running their own concerts and choirs outside of school. More information on the instrumental lessons we provide can be found on our [Instrumental lessons](#) page.

We run an annual school show production in collaboration with the drama and dance departments. Students are encouraged to audition for the main roles and chorus, as well as to be part of the live band. We have over 100 students involved with our school shows, with rehearsals throughout the year, and six evening performances in June/July.

We also offer extra-curricular sessions for our school choir, as well as opportunities for bands to rehearse using our practical spaces after school. These opportunities are available across all Key Stages.

We have just started up a ukulele club that will be run weekly at lunchtimes.

Part C: Musical experiences

There are lots of musical events that happen throughout the year at Arthur Terry, alongside our School Musical. We have regular performances during lunchtimes that we call “Atrium Concerts”. This is an out-door stage set up in the middle of the playground where acts can sign up to perform to the entire school over lunchtimes. It is a popular event that happens a few times a year.

We regularly visit the theatre and one recent example was attending the musical “Hamilton” at the Hippodrome, with year 10, 11, 12 and 13 music students, as well as cast and crew members from the school show. This was a special event for us as one of the cast members was an alumni from Arthur Terry School.

We were involved in performing at the “Christmas Tree Festival” at our local church last year, where a number of students performed a mini concert in the church of some Christmas favourites to members of the public. We also put on our own annual Christmas Concert which is an evening performance in front of parents. This is open to all key Stages.

Each year we have a “Colour Run” on the school playing field, where we set up an outdoor stage and allow bands to perform to entertain the crowd.

We have also taken part in joint performances with some of our local primary schools, and are currently working on a combined choir project across a number of local schools.