

Music development plan summary: Nether Stowe School

Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Clare Hill |
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| Name of local music hub | Entrust |
| 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, extra - curricular provision and musical events – 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.

The music curriculum overview can be found here: [Curriculum Overview – Nether Stowe School](#)

At key stage 3 students are allocated 1 hour of music a week which is in line with the government plan to improve music provision. They have access to a range of instruments that are used in their lessons across the three years depending on the topic being taught. Instruments include keyboards, guitars, djembes, drum kit and their voices.

The units taught at key stage 3 cover traditional musical ideas including notation, world music, popular music and music using music technology. Within these units students

develop their performing, composing and listening skills through a range of activities and across the key stage there is a clear progression of the skills covered.

Year 7 students include whole class singing every lesson as part of the development plan to improve singing and the uptake of performance opportunities in school.

At KS4 students can opt to take the Btec tech award in Music Practice.

Part B: 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.

We have instrumental tuition offered on piano, drums, brass, guitar and woodwind. Cost is covered by parents/guardians. Students in receipt of FSM have a 50% reduction in cost. All tuition is 1-2-1, most students take up drums and piano although guitar and flute are also taught 1-2-1.

Outside of lesson times students can take part in a beginner band, choir, keyboard club, lunchtime singing and the school show. The beginner band is in the early stages and students are being encouraged to join in and learn a new instrument as we rehearse.

The choir performed at the Winter Talent show and then the school choir dispersed for school show rehearsals. The opportunity to take part in the Staffordshire youth choir was opened out to all and 5 students have attended all Sunday rehearsals and will take part in a concert. Lunchtime singing promotes the love of singing and taking part in music without having to perform in front of an audience. The keyboard club allows students to practise and develop their skills which will help them make progress in the classroom.

All opportunities to take part in musical activities outside of the classroom are open to all students.

Part C: Musical events

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.

There will once again be a Winter talent show where anyone is able to take part, this takes place in December. Within this there will be performances from the choir and the beginner band if they are rehearsed and ready to perform in front of an audience. Tickets are usually sold for £3 and include refreshments.

The 'Glastowe' event provides opportunities for choirs and bands to rehearse and perform in front of an audience. Tickets to this event are free and takes place in the Spring term.

The school musical takes place at the end of the Summer term and tickets are sold to cover the costs of the show. Tickets are normally priced around £5 and include refreshments.

There is a Drama and music trip planned to see Blood Brothers in January 2025 for year 10 BTEC students. Cost of the trip and travel to be covered by students.

In the future

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

I plan to continue to develop singing in the classroom. This academic year, year 7s have regularly included whole class singing as part of their lesson. As they move into year 8 this routine will continue and develop to begin adding harmonies and part singing.

I am planning to grow the band using instruments available in school and continue to encourage students to try something new. I will also draw on what instruments they can already play and arrange music to suit what we have.

Staffordshire Youth Choir concert had an opportunity for school choirs to perform in the concert. Next June if the event is repeated I plan to enter our school choir which will hopefully increase the number of students taking part in the Staffordshire choir rehearsals that are led by vocal coaches.

I plan to begin a 'rock band' club to encourage guitarists and drummers to play in ensembles. We have a number of students who take instrumental lessons on guitar and drums but do not play in a band. This will also feed into the 'Glastowe' event.

We are looking into the possibility of a London theatre trip for July 2025 but this will be dependent on the cost.