Music development plan summary: Nether Stowe School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Clare Hill
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sophie Tukasi
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 taught in a carousel with art and drama allowing them a 50 minute lesson across 24 weeks of the school year. 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.

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, violin, guitar and woodwind. Cost is covered by parents/guardians. 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 woodwind band, choir, keyboard club, keyboard, guitars and drums club and the school show.

The choir performed at the Winter Talent show and then the school choir dispersed for school show rehearsals. The opportunity to take part in Lichfield Cathedral was opened to all students in March and will be offered again but this time in November.

Students in the school show and the Winter talent show winner performed at the Lichfield Garrick alongside other schools and we will be taking part in this again next year. It is an amazing opportunity for students to perform on a bigger stage and to a bigger audience.

The keyboard club allows students to practise and develop their skills which will help them make progress in the classroom. The guitars, keyboards and drums club allows students to practise a range of instruments.

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 Summer 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 an educational Drama visit planned to the Garrick in January 2026 for year 10 and 11 BTEC students. Cost of the visit is covered by parents/guardians. There is also a year 10 drama and music educational visit to see the Woman in Black, again the cost of travel and tickets are covered by parents/guardians.

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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 where possible.

I plan to develop the curriculum to fit into the new carousel system where teaching time is more limited. Some schemes of work will be combined to make up for the loss of some units but students will still cover the programmes of study as stated in the National Curriculum.

We are once again looking into the planning a London theatre educational visit for July 2026 that will be offered to students involved in the school musical. The cost will be covered by parents/guardians.