

Music development plan summary: Hummersknott Academy

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Mrs A Clark-Davies
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs V Rayner
Name of local music hub	Durham Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

The school Music curriculum can be accessed online for each year group via the school website.

<https://hummersknott.org.uk/curriculum/our-curriculum/>

The music department and all of the activities therein are fully accessible for disabled students, and we actively support pupils with special educational needs (SEND) through our diverse and adaptive teaching methods. More information on the school's SEND provision can be found here <https://hummersknott.org.uk/send/teaching-learning/>

All key stage 3 students receive one hour of classroom music each fortnight with key stage four receiving 5 hours per fortnight.

Throughout key stage three students develop their understanding of melody & structured melody writing, harmony and programmatic melody writing and the conventions of popular music each of which is interwoven throughout the KS3 curriculum across each year. Across KS3 students have the opportunity to develop their performance and composition skills on a range of instruments including, voice, keyboard, guitar & ukulele

At key stage four students study either the BTEC Technical Award in Music Practice or the Edexcel GCSE Music two-year course.

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.

Hummersknott Academy has a rich and varied offer of small group instrumental lessons available to students. Through Durham Music Service students have lessons on Woodwind, Brass, Lower and Upper Strings, Drum Kit, Guitar and Vocals.

Durham music service also runs small group music making opportunities in the form of an orchestral band weekly workshop, leading to performance opportunities for students. Students are able to take part in our extra-curricular music ensembles and key stage four instrumental and vocal workshops. The school offers a wide range of extra-curricular music activities including our award-winning school choir, school Orchestra, School Soul Band and our annual school musical cast. Students are taught Keyboard, Ukulele, Guitar, Bass, Drum Kit and singing as an integral part of their key stage 3 music lessons. This enables students to develop their skills through rehearsing and practicing individually or in groups and is good preparation for further studies at key stage four.

There are a number of ways in which students can make progress in music outside of lesson time. We use the school Teams system and Bandlab for Education to share audio and music sheets for students to access at home so that their learning beyond the classroom can further develop. Practice rooms are able to be booked out for lunchtime rehearsals to again support the consolidation of learning between lessons.

Hummersknott Academy has a strong partnership with DMS which further supports co-curricular music and has lead to attendance at workshops with Sarah Freestone and Opera North, The Renowned Samling Vocal Institute, The Sixteen and performance opportunities with Pearls of Africa Choir, and A German Saxophone Ensemble but to name a few.

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.

The music department runs a range of events throughout the academic year. At Christmas the students take part in a whole school carol service which features the school choir, orchestra, soul Band and soloists. We run an annual musical production which is open to all students. To mark the end of the summer term students take part in an inter-college music festival which serves as a great opportunity to showcase the

talent in school, outside those who regularly attend school rehearsals. Throughout the year the school soul Band and choir perform at local and county wide events which include playing for the y11 Prom, local community fundraising events and The North east Choir of the Year festival as part of Durham Vocal Festival. Durham music service staff support in musical events within school and our students also take part in wider events ran by the music service.

In the future

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

The music department at Hummersknott Academy will continue to develop and grow to fit the needs of all of our students.

In the future we are aiming to welcome more instrumental students to the department to grow the Orchestra further.

We would also like to further our musicians with the aim of entering more nationally recognised music festivals such as the National Festival of Music for Youth.

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.