

Music development plan summary: Twyford C of E School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of local music hub	Buckinghamshire Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	XYZ Music Academy

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.

Our school follows XYZ Music Academy's curriculum (XYZ Primary) for music. This offers both breadth and depth to our children who are able to experience a wide range of instruments and genres. Built into the curriculum are opportunities for children to

compose, rehearse and perform music, be that individually, as part of a group or as a whole class ensemble.

Music is taught for 45 minutes every week to each class. This is to allow children consistent time to truly engage with music and develop as musicians. During their lessons, specialist music teachers provide high quality lessons.

For more information on our music curriculum, please refer to the curriculum information on our school website.

Information on XYZ Primary can be found here: www.xyzprimary.com

Part B: Co-Curricular Music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs and performance opportunities, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

We offer a wide range of music tuition outside of our curriculum. This is mostly provided by XYZ Music Academy alongside a group of peripatetic music specialists. Children are given the opportunity to learn:

- Piano
- Woodwind
- Guitar
- Drumming

In addition to this, we hold weekly singing assemblies once per week led by a member of the Twyford C of E teaching team. This is intended to provide children with more opportunities to sing as a collective. From these, include elements of singing across other assemblies.

We have a large inventory of musical instruments for children to use both in and out of lessons, including African drums, keyboards and tuned percussion instruments.

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.

XYZ Music Academy host an annual musical performance evening, during which every child in the school has the opportunity to perform as a member of their class ensemble.

These performances are enjoyed by the children and showcase the high standard of music education offered at our school.

Students are given the opportunity to take part in the annual Christmas concerts and a bi annual school production in the summer term. This is a very popular event and usually well attended by students and parents.

In the future

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

To consider our future options for music, we must consider the seven features of high quality music provision as detailed in the National Plan for Music Education:

- 1) timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3

We have assessed our approach to curriculum and found that 45 minutes every week allows for consistent depth. At present, this is not subject to change. However, we will continue to monitor and review our approach.

- 2) access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice

At present, our children have access to a wider range of instruments than is common at most schools. That being said, we are always looking to expand the range of instruments that we offer.

- 3) a school choir or vocal ensemble

The school currently holds weekly singing assemblies to which students are offered opportunities to perform as a choir. We are looking at opportunities to develop a choir further and provide performance opportunities.

- 4) a school ensemble, band or group

When possible, we hope to introduce a form of band club which will give the musicians within the school a further opportunity to collaborate.

- 5) space for rehearsals and individual practice

At Twyford C of E School, we are fortunate to have a side room for music lessons along with use of the hall for peripatetic music lessons and rehearsals. We are not currently planning to expand this provision as we consider it to be enough.

- 6) a termly school performance

We believe we offer close to this requirement already with the annual Christmas concerts, bi annual school productions and music concerts. Perhaps the idea of other concerts could be visited.

7) opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Our students enjoy live music performed by their peers and by XYZ Music Academy at least once per academic year. To increase the variety of live performances that our children are able to enjoy, we intend to include additional staff performances in our assemblies, utilising the skills of our team to further promote a love of music.

Further to this, we intend to introduce external music events, during which children can perform with and enjoy the performances of other children.

Further information

If you are interested in finding out more about music, or providing additional musical opportunities for your child or family, please refer to the resources below:

- <https://xyzmusicacademy.com/> - Our musical partner. You can also book external private tuition through XYZ Music Academy directly, including 1:1 lessons, workshops, camps and online lessons. You can also book recording space at their studio.
- [The Department for Education's Music Guide for Children and Young People](#) – This sets out what you should expect from music education in school as well as offering advice on how to access additional musical opportunities outside of school.
- [Buckinghamshire Music Education Hub](#) (BMEH) – Also known as the Buckinghamshire Music Trust (BMT), you can access music lessons and performances from across Buckinghamshire here.