

Music Development Plan Summary: Ashlawn School

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	2024/25
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Katie Bond
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lorna Pountney
Name of local music hub	Warwickshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Be Awesome Music

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.

Music is delivered weekly at KS3, five times per fortnight at KS4 and eight times per fortnight at KS5. Our school curriculum for music for each year group is published [here](#) on the school website. This should also include how you are increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND).

Our curriculum follows the structure of the DfE's model music curriculum at KS3, ensuring that students show progression in the areas of singing, listening, composing and instrumental study/performance.

In lessons at KS3 students will have the opportunity to sing as part of an ensemble, and as a soloist if they wish. They will study the guitar and keyboard both in dedicated technique building lessons and as part of other topics such as 'The Blues' and 'Film Music'. They will also perform as part of a whole class percussion ensemble in topics such as 'Samba'.

Students can study BTEC music at KS4, gaining a BTEC level 2 Tech Award in Musical Practice.

At KS5 students can study BTEC music, gaining a BTEC National level 3 Extended Certificate in Music Performance and BTEC National level 3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts.

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.

Students can access the following music tuition outside of lesson time:

Through Be Awesome Music (Private company, have plans to become a Hub):
Voice
LAMDA: Musical Theatre

Guitar/Bass Guitar
Drums/Percussion

Through Warwickshire Music Hub:

Piano/Keyboard
Woodwind

Students can join the following ensembles and music related activities outside of lesson time:

Show Choir

Band

Ukulele Club

Band Jam

Keyboard Club

Samba Band

Music Tech: Production

Tech Club: Live sound

All Ashlawn Music clubs are free to attend, and any resources needed are provided by the school. These activities are promoted regularly through the school social media and during form time.

Students can book school practice rooms at break time, lunchtime and after school for individual and small group music activities. This is free of charge but must be booked in advance using the sign up sheet.

Students can access free instrument loans for their first year of playing through Warwickshire Music Hub, Be Awesome Music and Ashlawn School.

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding can access free extracurricular lessons and instrument hire.

Both Be Awesome Music and Warwickshire Music Hub have Saturday Music Centres where students can attend individual lessons and group tuition. Students can attend the following groups through our partnership providers:

Warwickshire County Youth Wind Band - Grade 5+

Warwickshire County Youth String Orchestra - Grade 5+

Panissimo (Steel Pans) - Grade 5+

East Warwickshire Training Orchestra – Grades 0 – 2

East Warwickshire Orchestra – Grades 3 – 5

Rock Band

EGO (Electric Guitar Orchestra)

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.

Ashlawn offers the following performance opportunities for students:

Year 7 Showcase

All year 7 students are invited to perform the pieces they have been working on in their music lessons. They are also invited to audition for a solo slot should they wish to do so.

This event is free to take part in. There will be a small charge for audience tickets, except for families where the student is in receipt of pupil premium funding.

Winter Concert, Ashlawn Arts Festival, Music Battle and the Summer Soirée. All students are invited to perform in ensemble numbers through participation in extracurricular clubs and via advertisements in form time and on the school social media pages. In addition, students are invited to attend an informal audition for solo or small ensemble slots via advertisements in form time and on the school social media pages.

These events are free to take part in. There will be a charge for audience tickets, except for families where the student is in receipt of pupil premium funding.

Community performances at Hillmorton Hub (Rogers Hall) and local Nursing Homes

In 2023/24 this was a new initiative, there were three community performance visits. In 2024/25 we plan for there to be 6, one per half term.

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The School Show

Students studying BTEC Performing Arts in 6th form will be awarded roles which allow them to showcase their ability as part of their BTEC course. Any remaining roles will be filled through audition. The school show will be performed in the evenings for students, parents, and the wider community. Matinee performances for KS3 and local primary schools will take place within the school day.

This event is free to take part in for those studying BTEC Performing Arts level 3. There will be a voluntary contribution for those taking part who are not studying BTEC Performing Arts level 3 to contribute towards the cost of set, costumes and the licence. There will be a small charge for audience tickets, except for families where the student is in receipt of pupil premium funding. All matinee performances will be free of charge.

Warwickshire Music Hub and Be Awesome Music also offer a variety of performance opportunities.

Professional Concerts and Workshops with Practitioners.

West End Musical (All)

Visiting professional performers (KS4 and KS5)

Composition Workshop (KS4 and KS5)

Festival on the Close (All)

Pantomime (Students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding)

Birmingham Symphony Hall (Year 9)

There will be a charge for these events to cover the cost of tickets and travel, except for families where the student is in receipt of pupil premium funding.

In the future

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

Use this space to include any information on any improvements you plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences, including when you plan to introduce changes.

Curricular - Including a wider variety of instruments in place of the guitar skill unit - students will have access to orchestra string instruments and some woodwind and brass instruments. 2025/26

Co-curricular music opportunity

- Further promotion of co-curricular instrumental lessons, expanding to include brass and woodwind lessons - 2024/25

Musical experience opportunity - America Trip – July 2025

Further information (optional)

<https://www.warwickshiremusichub.org/>

<https://beawesomemusic.com/>

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.

In 2023/24 we launched a new initiative - TLET's got talent where students from across the trust perform and compete in a talent showcase. All students from across the trust are invited to perform. They will audition at their own school, following this the finalists will perform in the evening final at the chosen school.

This event is free to take part in. There will be a small charge for audience tickets, except for families where the student is in receipt of pupil premium funding.