

Music development plan summary: Birchensale Middle School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025.26
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Name of the school music lead	Emma Cridge
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Pete Clifton
Name of local music hub	Severn Arts
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.

Pupils study music through 1-50 minute weekly classroom music lesson throughout KS2-3. We follow the National Curriculum whilst covering additional content to prepare students for GCSE or BTEC Music at Trinity High School. The reintroduction of Music Technology using Ableton was implemented in the previous academic year.

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 are now being given opportunities to perform in choirs and bands within the department at lunchtimes, with at least one performance opportunity offered each term.

There is a remissions policy for students wanting music lessons, and lessons are available on a variety of instruments through Severn Arts and BMAT staff.

Severn Arts lessons are charged at £47.28 per hour. For one-to-one tuition, 20 minutes costs £16 per lesson, whilst a shared lesson is £8 per pupil for 20 minutes.

Drumming (BMAT) - £5.00 per student in a group of two for 20 minutes. £10.00 per student in a one-to-one 20-minute lesson.

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) pupils have half their fees funded by the school. Tuition fees are required a term in advance and are charged in half-termly instalments. Payment plans can be offered. Six weeks' notice is required for the cancellation of lessons. Payment is obligatory until the end of the cancellation period.

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.

Our school offers regular musical events and performance opportunities, including key stage singing assemblies. Pupils have the opportunity to perform to the public at the annual carol concert organised by our local church, St Stephen's.

Our school holds winter and summer concerts annually, giving our pupils the opportunity to showcase their wide range of talents at different points throughout the year.

In the future

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

Moving forward, we hope to continue to build on the momentum established by the reintroduction of our music curriculum at the beginning of 2025. We hope to continue to work with musicians to develop our pupil's talents and love for music, and to continue to establish an engaging and effective music curriculum for our pupils.

Curriculum development will continue to make progress, ensuring there is a focus on students becoming musicians, rather than just doing music.