

# Music Development Plan Summary: Deanery CE High School and 6<sup>th</sup> Form College

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs R Johnson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs A Friend
Name of local music hub	Wigan Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Focus On Sound

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 Curriculum:

Music is taught for 1 hour per week in KS3, then pupils have 5 hours every 2 weeks at KS4. KS5 pupils can choose to study Music Technology, Music Performance or Performing Arts.

The KS3 Music curriculum can be found in more detail on the school website here:

<https://www.deanery.wigan.sch.uk/ks3/music-ks3/>

Pupils are encouraged to build skills incrementally in music through each scheme, demonstrating what they can **DO** but also develop what they **KNOW** (knowledge) and also listen and think about music critically. They are also encouraged in SMSC, through group work, confidence building and musical worship.

The music curriculum uses some elements from the Model Music Curriculum published by the government, but this has been tailored to fit and suit our pupils in order to maximise creativity and performance potential.

All pupils have access to learn an instrument both in curriculum time (keyboard) and private lessons, they have access to instrumental teachers from the Wigan Music Hub. Here pupils can access ABRSM and Rock School grades and many of our pupils achieve the highest pass rates in these grades. They are encouraged to sing, take part in solo and group performances and whole class performance in every year group, in KS3 and 4. The Deanery has 2 large practice rooms where pupils can practice instruments and also a recording studio with Logic Pro Mac suite, which pupils use at KS4 and KS5.

The Deanery is proud to be partnered with Wigan Music Hub for both instrumental lessons and ensembles. Many Deanery pupils take part in ensembles outside of school provided by the Hub such as Wigan show choir, youth orchestra and jazz band.

The following qualifications are available to ALL pupils at the Deanery:

GCSE Music

Btec Level 3 Music Performance

Btec Level 3 Music Technology

Btec Level 3 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.

The Deanery High School offers 20-minute instrumental lessons on the following Instruments:

All string instruments: Violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar

All woodwind: flute, clarinet, oboe, sax, bassoon

All brass: trumpet, horns, trombone, euphonium, tuba

All Percussion: drum kit, xylophone, other percussion

Voice: soprano, alto, tenor, bass

Keyboard: Piano/keyboard

Lessons can be individual or as part of a small group. Pupils can access ABRSM graded exams on their instrument through these lessons.

Wigan Music Service also provides a number of ensembles outside of school. Info about these ensembles can be found here:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Wigan-Music-Service/Bands-Choirs-Orchestras-and-Ensembles.aspx>

Wigan Music Service also offer loans on any of the above instruments. Information about this can be found here:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Wigan-Music-Service/Musical-instrument-hire.aspx>

The Deanery high School offers the following ensembles for ALL pupils to take part in at lunch time or after school:

Monday 12:30: Samba Band

Tuesday 12:30: Deanery Choir

Tuesday 3:00pm Deanery Ensemble

Wednesday 12:30 One to one acting through song coaching

Wednesday 3:00pm School Production/Musical Theatre Club

Thursday 3:00pm School Production and School Production Pit orchestra

Friday 12:30: Music Worship Band

Any families who would like their son/daughter to have lessons but may not have the financial means can apply to Wigan Music Service through the assisted tuition scheme. Each case is judged individually, and lessons may then be free or heavily subsidised. This is also for pupils who are in the pupil premium scheme.

A link to this form can be found here:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Wigan-Music-Service/Help-with-the-costs-of-learning-to-play.aspx>

You can also enquire about lessons at The Deanery High School.

## 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.

Every year the Deanery offers a variety of musical events where pupils can perform or be part of an audience.

## **Our Performance Events in 2024-25**

Workshop with Deke Sharon (Pitch Perfect): Sept 2024 (for Singers)

Christmas Carol Concert Dec 2024 (all year groups)

Christmas Concert for Senior Citizens 13<sup>th</sup> December (all year groups)

Btec Level 3 Acting Performance Dec 2024/Jan 2025 (KS5)

March 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2025 School Production (all year groups)

April/May: 6<sup>th</sup> form to London West End

June 2025: Btec Level 3 Performances (KS5)

June 2025: Y8 Trip to MMU for Making Music Day

July 2025: Performing Arts Concert (all year groups)

Throughout the year the school worship band play at events and work with the Primary schools on musical worship.

Pupils may also attend trips to The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, The Lowry Theatre, The Opera House to watch Musical Theatre productions.

The concerts and School Production are ticketed events which will require payment.

## **In the future**

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

The current Y7 scheme of work is under review and will be rewritten to focus more on skills and the basics of music. This will then be developed further in to Y8 and 9 in the following years. This will be skills and knowledge focused and concentrate on building these incrementally over the 3 years of KS3 in order to best prepare students for KS4/5.

We hope to continue to provide high quality music lessons and also continue to provide musical activities and cocurricular activities for all our pupils.

The government states that all secondary schools should offer the following: (ticks reflect what Deanery offers)

- 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 ✓

## Further information

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.