

Music Development Plan Summary: Limehurst Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Name of the school music lead	Steven Simpson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Claire Corker
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Overview:

Music is taught by an experienced, well qualified music specialist at both Key Stages 3 and 4.

KS3 Music:

All students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) receive one hour of classroom music tuition per week. Students are taught in mixed-ability groupings and study Music throughout the academic year.

KS4 Music:

Students wishing to study music at key stage 4 are offered both the BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice and Edexcel G.C.S.E. Music. Only one of these courses will run

dependent on the interests and experiences of the students in a particular year group. Currently, G.C.S.E. Music is being delivered in year 11 and BTec Tech Award in Music Practice is delivered in year 10.

Students in Years 10 and 11 who have opted to study Music will receive 3 hours of tuition each week.

Students have access to a music studio equipped for music recording and production along with computers in the music technology room with music software.

Curriculum:

Our curriculum offer is available here: [Limehurst Music](#)

Resourcing:

There are two specialist music rooms, one is a music technology room equipped with 16 keyboards and 16 iMac computers and the other provides a large space for whole class ensembles and group work. There is also a small recording studio and additional instruments including 2 electric pianos, drum kits, guitars and a wide range of brass, woodwind and string instruments. In addition there are three separate practise rooms.

Inclusivity and SEND:

Limehurst Academy is committed to achieving greater access within music education through identifying and removing potential barriers, including for students in low-income families and students with special educational needs and disabilities.

Instruments are loaned to students who wish to learn. All Year 7 students learn a musical instrument for a term and take part in a class band performance. Some of these students join the school wind band. Some of them have individual instrumental tuition whilst some are supported by the Head of Department to learn and make progress during band rehearsals.

Barriers to accessing the full curriculum for SEND and EHCP students are removed through the careful application of teaching resources and staff input.

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.

Peripatetic Instrumental Lessons:

Pupils who access instrumental lessons can take grade exams with a variety of examination boards, dependent on which ones their teacher uses.

We offer lessons on the following instruments:

Piano

Guitar

Drums

Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone)

Brass

Steel Pans

There is the option to borrow an instrument from the school free of charge.

Lessons are either 20 or 30 minutes long and can be taught to individual students or in pairs with negotiation with our instrumental tutors.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

We currently have the following extra-curricular clubs:

Steel Band

Singing Club

School Wind Band

Recorder Club

These clubs happen each week and are open for all pupils in school to attend, if they wish.

We often run other groups as the need arises, such as Handbells, Karaoke Club and Choir, particularly when preparing for performance events at Limehurst or within the wider community. The Music Department is also available at lunch 4 days a week for students to make music in small groups or individually.

Disadvantaged students who display significant music potential, enthusiasm and potential are actively targeted and encouraged to access opportunities on offer.

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.

Students have the opportunity to perform in a variety of events throughout the school year. These include:

Winter Showcase: Towards the end of the Autumn term, ensembles and soloists perform to an audience of parents, carers and staff in our Performing Arts Studio.

Summer Showcase: Towards the end of the Summer term, ensembles and soloists perform to an audience of parents, carers and staff in the main hall.

Assemblies: The Steel Band and School Wind Band perform in school assemblies and to Year 6 students during induction days. This allows Year 6 students to see and hear instruments played by current students and to consider some of the musical opportunities available to them once they start at Limehurst Academy.

At times, our musical groups perform within the wider community. The Steel Band in particular take part in outside performances each year e.g. De Montfort Hall and in the local shopping centre.

Other experiences:

Year 7 experience a steel pan workshop each year.

Each year 7 class take part in the Class Band topic when students are loaned a brass or woodwind instrument. Their music lessons are taught as a wind band for a topic that lasts approximately one term.

Year 7 students have the opportunity to attend an overnight visit to London to take in a West End musical.

Key Stage 3 students also get to take part in opportunities supported by Leicestershire Music. Recent projects have included Steel Band, Taiko drumming and massed choir performances at De Montfort Hall. There has also been a recent ensemble activity run by Birmingham Conservatoire where students get to work with professional musicians and perform with students from other schools. During the Spring Term 2026, we intend for our Wind Band to participate in another massed ensemble activity, involving working with other schools.

In the future

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

- We will continue reviewing our curriculum to see how we can develop the opportunity for pupils to create live music.
- We are looking to increase participation in extracurricular activities, which has declined in recent years, particularly singing activities.
- We are steadily increasing the range of instruments students can receive tuition on and we will work hard to continue in this way.
- We are looking to start organising trips to see professional musicians / orchestras to enhance the students experience of live music.
- We will look at where we are able to further increase inclusion into the curriculum and extra-curricular activities, seeking to further promote diversity through the inclusion of a variety of cultures and traditions in vocal and instrumental lessons.

- We are seeking to increase the exposure to music learning outside of school through Leicestershire Music and within our local community and other settings, practitioners and organisations such as:
 - Afterschool or weekend music centres, area ensembles or music groups, or holiday programmes run by music services.
 - Youth or community services, including programmes designed to support broader outcomes.
 - Amateur music groups, such as local choirs.
 - Independent music centres and private music teachers.

Further information

[Leicestershire Music](#)