

# Music development plan summary: Katherine Warington School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	James Bullock
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service

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.

### Key Stage Three

Music is studied during years 7 and 8 for 50 minutes each week. Full details on the KS3 Music curriculum can be found at <https://www.create-herts.co.uk/education>

Students can choose Music as an option in year 8 and by doing so receive 3 50 minute lessons per week.

In year 9, as part of the Arts, Culture and Society award, students also study a further unit of music and can then choose to study an area of music for a further 12 weeks should they wish.

As part of the KS3 curriculum, every student is expected to sing, play the keyboard, percussion and compose music both with and without technology.

We have a specialist provision for composition in a dedicated music lab and studio where every student has access to Logic Pro X, Sibelius.

### Key Stage Four

At key stage four, students can opt to study for a GCSE in Music through the Eduqas specification. Students who opt for this receive 3 x 50 minute lessons per week.

Students studying music at Key Stage Four also receive a 33% discount on instrumental lessons in school.

Full information on the KS4 curriculum can be found here:

<https://www.create-herts.co.uk/music/key-stage-4>

### Key Stage Five

At key stage five, students can opt to study for an A Level in Music through the Eduqas specification. Students who opt for this receive 6 x 50 minute lessons per week.

Students studying music at Key Stage Four also receive a 30% discount on instrumental lessons in school.

Full information on the KS5 Curriculum can be found here:

<https://www.create-herts.co.uk/a-level-music-eduqas>

We are committed to being inclusive to our students. As part of this we are increasing access for disabled and SEND students through a range of means: -

- Bespoke software tools
- Ensuring access to a range of qualifications that allow all student to achieve
- Access to additional sources funding to provide instrumental lessons

## 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.

We offer individual and small group tuition through our own peripatetic teachers. Students can take lessons in Brass, Woodwind, Strings and Percussion as well as guitars, and voice.

Lessons are priced at £248 for a package of 10 individual lesson which can also be paid in instalments. We offer a discount of 33% for GCSE students and special arrangements for students in receipt of pupil premium and Free school Meals.

We also operate a music instrument loan scheme for students.

Students have access to a wide range of music ensembles, and these are considered part of our instrumental tuition.

These include :-

Senior Choir (Y9-13)	Senior Orchestra (Gr3+)	Chamber Ensemble (Gr1+)
Junior Choir (Y7-8)	Junior Orchestra (Gr0-2)	MT Orchestra (Gr5+)

Students can also access a range of additional activities out of school time through our partnerships with the Hertfordshire Music Hub, Musicale and the Music Den academy.

Through all these activities, students have access to a range of accreditation from Music Medals, to graded examinations.

Students have access to a wide range of practice rooms and classrooms at breaks, lunchtime and before school for individual or group practice. These can be reserved online at [www.create-herts.co.uk](http://www.create-herts.co.uk)

## 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 can take part in a wide range of musical experiences. This year, this includes:-

Opportunity	Venue	Years	Cost to participate
Performances in the weekly celebration assembly	Katherine Warington School	All	£0
Christmas Carol Tour	Various	All	£5
Mayor's Christmas Concert	St Nicholas' Church, Harpenden	8-13	£0
Senior Concert	Katherine Warington School	9-11	£0
Junior Concert	Katherine Warington School	7-8	£0
London Cultural Days	Pineapple Studios	7-8	£85
Whole school production of 'Legally Blonde'	Katherine Warington School	All	£0
GCSE and Sixth Form Showcase	9-13	Katherine Warington School	£0
Junior Production	7-8	Katherine Warington School	£0
Arts Award Evening	All	Katherine Warington School	£0
Harpenden School's Music Festival	All	Eric Morecombe Theatre	£0
Hertfordshire Music Gala	9-13	Royal Albert Hall	£10
Concert Tour to Dublin	All	Various	£TBC

## In the future

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

- Develop further links with the principle feeder schools to support music and transition
- Develop further links with community music groups through the 'create-herts' initiative
- Work to develop links with the local music hub beyond their current intensive programmes
- Develop further accreditation opportunities for students beyond year 8 options as part of the school's period 7 programme