

Music development plan summary: *Kings Ash Academy*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
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Name of the school music lead	Moira Devonport
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Steve Apps
Name of local music hub	Devon & Torbay Music Education
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Torbay and South Devon Music Centre, TASN (Torbay Arts in Schools Network), Sound Communities

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.

The music curriculum overview can be viewed on the school website. This shows the curriculum offer for all year groups at Kings Ash Academy from Nursery to Year 6. Our curriculum has been designed to be inclusive for all pupils, providing opportunities for music exploration and development.

Every class from Nursery to Year 6 receives 1 hour of class music provision each week.

We use the Kapow scheme as our curriculum guidance which fully meets the requirements of the national curriculum and beyond. In addition, we also include use of other programs to further our learning including Charanga (YUMU). Adaptations are also made to include content from organisations including; The Royal Opera House and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Singing is a core part of the music curriculum and as such every lesson includes an opportunity for group singing. Children in each phase also take part in fortnightly singing assemblies with their phase. In the curriculum overview each year group have opportunities for playing instruments through the year and performing using them. Whole-class ensemble teaching takes place in every year group.

Kings Ash Academy is part of the Torbay music hub and utilises as many opportunities as possible. Our young people recently performed a 'One Night Only' talent event at the local Torquay Boys' Grammar School. We also have peripatetic violin, flute and recorder teaching in school as well as RockSteady ensemble as additional opportunities for our pupils. We also have established links with many local organisations to ensure enrichment opportunities are available to many pupils across the school.

To support our music delivery inside and outside of school, the school works closely with:

Devon and Torbay Music Hub - instrument provision, CPD provider,

Sound Communities - Further opportunities for radio presenting

TASN -Torbay Arts in Schools Network

Princess Theatre

Royal Opera House

TASN - Torbay Arts Schools Network

Other local primary and secondary schools.

Part B: Extra-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.

For opportunities outside of lesson time, the following opportunities are provided for children to progress in music beyond the curriculum offer:

- Fortnightly 30 minute singing assembly (split into Year 1, 2, 3 and Year 4, 5, 6)
- After school club - choir - 50 minute weekly club offered to years 3,4,5 & 6 throughout the year providing opportunities for performing en-semble
- After school club - performing arts club - 50 minute weekly club offered to years 3,4,5 & 6 throughout the year providing opportunities for performing solo and en-semble as part of a production
- After school music club - to explore instruments and perform as an ensemble.
- Access to KS1 lunchtime music club (once weekly) - access to Yr1, 2 & 3
- Access to KS2 lunchtime music club (once weekly) - access to Yr4, 5 & 6
- Offer of violin tuition for pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6.
- Offer of recorder tuition for pupils in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- Offer of flute tuition for pupils in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- Other forms of music making - access to music online program (Charanga-YUMU)
- Art leaders within year 6 to support productions and promotion of art, music and culture across the school.

There are multiple opportunities for children in the above clubs to perform to their peers, parents and public. Annually the choirs perform at our large scale school music performance as well as termly performances and at local community events. This now also includes the opportunity to perform at a secondary school setting.

From September 2024, the school began its ArtsMark journey and is making great progress towards achieving this.

Part C: Musical events/performances

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.

At Kings Ash Academy, we recognise the importance of additional musical experiences and therefore plan these opportunities throughout the year. These events include:

- Fortnightly singing assembly - 30 minutes - singing en-semble
- Year 6 leaver's play including musical numbers
- Violin players performance to school/parents - individual & en-semble
- Recorder players performance to school/parents - individual & en-semble
- Flute players performance to school/parents - individual & en-semble
- Drumming en-semble performance to school/parents
- Rocksteady en-semble and individual performance to audience
- EYFS nativity/christmas performance - singing en-semble
- KS1 christmas performance - singing en-semble
- KS2 carol service - singing en-semble
- Public choir performances i.e. local community
- Performing Arts club plays to the school and parents
- Performing 'One Night Only' annual talent show.
- Select pupil attendance at BSO and other orchestra performances in Exeter
- Year 5 or 6 attendance at Paignton Academy pantomime performance
- Attendance of select pupils at Torbay and South Devon Music Centre rehearsals and performance.
- Attendance at theatre productions in Paignton and Torquay

We are always looking at new opportunities for musical experiences throughout the year and organise additional to the above as opportunities arise.

In the future

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

- Continuing to plan in wider opportunities for experiencing a range of live music performances for the whole school during academic year 25/26
- Strive for successful completion of ArtsMark status at Kings Ash Academy by end of 2026.
- Continue to develop the role of Arts Ambassadors/Creative Arts leaders throughout 2025/26 academic year to further embed cultural capital and creative expressive experiences for all.