# Music development plan summary: Futures Institute

## Overview

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| Academic year that this summary covers | 2026-2027 |
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| Name of the school music lead | Lee Spencer |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Carine Foster |
| Name of local music hub | Cherwell Schools Music Network |
| 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.

There is no KS3 or KS4 curriculum provision as Futures Institute is a STEM studio school catering for students aged 14-19. Music is not part of the key stage 4 curriculum offer.

## 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 provide a school instrumental ensemble from September through to June for all students who want to participate.

We provide an annual performing arts musical production which is open to all students (except examination year groups) where they are able to sing as an ensemble, smaller groups, or solo

Peripatetic music lessons are currently offered in guitar, and singing. We have provision to offer piano/keyboard and drums. This is paid for by parents.

We have two specialist music rooms which are made available to students at lunchtime. Students may practise singing, piano, guitar, ukulele if they have no resources at home. We have a number of smaller rehearsal spaces which are in need of renovation.

## 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.

**Year 7-10 and 12 are able to be attend extra-curricular clubs and events.**

During 2026-2027 students will participate in the annual *Winter Celebration* in term 2 and also the *Spring Concert* in term 4 enabling parents and carers to watch their work for a small entrance charge. These events combine work from the extra-curricular clubs and also an opportunity for other ensemble musicians and soloists to participate.

**Year 7-10 and 12 are able to be part of the school musical.**

Participation in the main school production. All students who audition tend to be in the performance. The focus is on Musical Theatre where singing is the main music making which is combined with dancing and acting to create a fully rounded musical experience. No charge to students. We charge for tickets in order to cover the costs of the experience and this is in conjunction with the Drama department under the umbrella of Performing Arts. We perform two matinee shows to year 5 students from local primary schools. Rehearsals run beginning in January through to the Summer term 2 with show dates in July.

**Informal 'performance afternoons'**
Plans are in place for each odd numbered term (3:30pm - 4:30pm) to host these events which provide an open forum for students to perform in a low-key, informal setting. Students and parents will be invited to watch.

Musicians playing and singing at open evenings, parents evenings.

Musical Theatre and drama theatre visits are organised throughout the year.

## In the future

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

We would like to refurbish the upstairs rehearsal space so it can be regularly used by students individually and in groups throughout the day.

We will actively advertise extra-curricular clubs and opportunities for instrumental lessons to all students throughout the year to increase uptake of the group.

We will continue to offer our annual cycle of performing events. As well as the whole school show we will hold school concerts.

We will focus certain trips around prioritising students enrolled on the KS4 Performing Arts course.