

# Music development plan summary: Futures Institute

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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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	<b>Cherwell Schools Music Network</b>
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.

As the school has a 14-16 cohort there are no KS3 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 provide a school ensemble from September through to December 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 offered in piano, guitar, drums and singing. This is paid for by parents and provided for free to pupil premium students.

We have two specialist music rooms which are made available to students at lunchtime. Students practise piano as they have no instrument 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.

Participation in the main school production. All students who audition tend to be in the performance.

The focus is on Musical Theatre. 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.

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

During 2023-2024 KS3 students will participate in a Performing Arts showcase in the Summer enabling parents and carers to watch their work for a small entrance charge. The hope is to encourage some ensemble musicians and some soloists to also

participate. Plans are in place for informal 'performance afternoons' each odd numbered term (3:30pm - 4:30pm) and a bigger school concert event each even numbered term (7pm onwards)

Students have formed their own bands who rehearse at lunch experimenting with music making.

We perform to incoming year 5 - school production

Musicians playing at open evenings, parents evenings

Musical Theatre visit Autumn term

School Production Summer Term

## In the future

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

We would like to refurbish our practice spaces so they can be regularly used by students individually and in groups throughout the day.

We will actively recruit Pupil premium students for peripatetic music lesson to increase uptake of the group.

We will investigate hiring out our spaces as a space for external music exams to make it easier for our students to access them and raise the departments profile in the local community.

We will increase the frequency of student performances. As well as the whole school show we will hold performance afternoons and bigger school concerts. A weekly vocal group will start in September.

We will explore rehearsal times, potentially using mentor sessions, when students cannot access our after school practice.

We will set up more touring musical theatre productions and college and university visits for our KS4 students.