

Music development plan summary: Futures Institute

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
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.

KS3 lessons are delivered to year 7 and year 8. KS4 is not an option for this cohort.

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 March 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.

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

During 2025-2026 students will participate in the annual *Winter Celebration* in December and also the *Spring Concert* in March 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. 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 a matinee show to incoming year 5 students. 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 at open evenings, parents evenings

School Production Summer Term Musical Theatre and 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 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 increase the frequency of student performances. As well as the whole school show we will hold performance afternoons and bigger school concerts.

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