

Music development plan summary: Curlidge Street Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Emma Hammond
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Hannah Wilkinson
Name of local music hub	Torbay
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Torbay Arts School Network Rocksteady South West TSAT Schools

Part A: Curriculum music

Curlidge Street Academy values music highly and we are currently a Silver Artsmark School. Music is taught by a specialist music teacher and is taught for two hours a fortnight minimum from reception to year 6. This takes place in our music room which contains a good range of musical equipment in line and above the national curriculum expectations. We use the Kapow scheme as our curriculum guidance which fully meets the requirements of the national curriculum and beyond. We have a coherent 'road map' through music which builds on skills and knowledge. Music Curriculum Overview This is then adapted in line with our curriculum expectations to meet the needs of all pupils. Singing is a core part of the music curriculum and as such every lesson includes an opportunity for group singing. Children also take part in weekly singing assemblies with their phase. In the curriculum overview each year group have opportunities for playing instruments through the year and perform using them. Whole-class ensemble teaching takes place in every year group. Curlidge Street Academy is part of the Torbay Arts School Network and the Torbay Music Hub and utilises as many opportunities as possible. Our young people perform in a variety of contexts, including in the local theatre and at community events. We also partner with 'Rock Steady' to provide band lessons, 'We need music' for additional music workshops and have other visiting music peripatetic.

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.

The school currently offers weekly 1:1 or 1:2 20 minutes or 30 minutes piano lessons from reception to year 6. We also offer 'Rock Steady' where children can learn the keyboard, vocals, bass guitar, electric guitar or drums. The music lessons are parent funded however the school funds lessons for looked after children and match funding is then available for other children, who are subsequently offered subsidised lessons. The school offers free guitar/ukelele tuition and 121 music weekly for disadvantaged children, this is undertaken by our in-house music teacher. We are currently reviewing our instrument loaning services as we start to broaden our peripatetic music lessons. We currently offer a minimum of 6 extra curricular music/ performing arts opportunities that children can join for free, including line dancing, show choir, ukulele, boys choir, karaoke, KS1 percussion group, Year 3 choir and KS2 Choir . There are multiple opportunities for these clubs to perform, including our One Night Only performance at our local theatre, which is in its fifth year. Annually, the choirs perform at our large-scale school music performance, the summer fete, local community events, community care homes and in evening concerts hosted with other schools. The school also joins with other Trust schools in the academy, once a year to perform in The TSAT Takeover, where all the academy schools in the south west, come together and put on a performance in a local theatre. The school has Arts Ambassadors/Creative Arts leaders who support with the delivery of clubs and promote wider school engagement for the arts. They take an active role in performances and the arts leadership in the school. Lunch times can be used for children who would like to rehearse in multiple spaces across the school.

Part C: Musical experiences

Curledge Street Academy is committed to providing aspirational trips and visitors for the arts as well as regular opportunities for musical performances. Children will continue to have two hours of music fortnightly taught by a specialist from reception to Y6. Children will also have the chance to take part in the free extra curricular clubs and the peripatetic music lessons listed previously from Y1-6. g. Planned performances include 'One night only', a production showcasing all of our after school clubs, the annual Christmas shows from nursery to Y6 and the Y6 production all in the local theatre, as well as the regular singing at community events and in-house performance opportunities, armed forces day and the TSAT Takeover. These opportunities are available from reception to Y6.

Audience opportunities are available for year 1-5 to watch the dress rehearsals of the year 6 production annually. We also take our Year 4 and 5 children to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra each year. Every year we run a pantomime trip, which is open to all of our Year 3,4,5, and 6 children. On average we take about 100 children. We also go to our local theatre companies musical production, if it is appropriate. These trips are subsidised for those pupils entitled to FSM.

In the future

Opportunities for children in Reception to perform and take a greater role in clubs.

Arts leaders to run a music club for reception with built in opportunities to perform to their peers.

Strings Peripatetic

Quad coded vocabulary and retrieval opportunities in music lessons across all year groups

Continued involvement in the Torbay Schools Arts Network and the TSAT takeover to promote a sense of belonging within our community and Trust.

Further information (optional)